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La Paz, July 21, 1941.

Dearest ones,

I'm sure it has been several weeks since I last wrote. Marie's last was written at Rockaway. I hope you are getting a good rest and are all enjoying yourselves. Donny talks about being there last year, often. Ever once in a while he will bring out some thing new that he and Ellen did when they were at the beach. Also last week or so we got a package of Mrs. Hinkles things. Thanks a lot for sending them along. I think everything has come thru now. Mails are coming thru better now, tho' it takes longer than formerly. Marie, the censor cut a big hunk out of your last air-mail. Something about the coast, I guess. I suppose they have to take out something now & then to earn their salaries. Ha! Ha! Donny has written several letters to you, but I can't seem to get them all mailed. He keeps having to write letters in his school course and he always chooses you or Ellen to write to.

My shoulder arm is coming along, tho' not as fast as he would like it, I guess. They took it out of the cast the first of July and he went to the Drs. twice a week or more to have it massaged and straightened, also I gave it hot salt water baths every day. It is almost straight now but still a little crooked and stiff. I think it will finally straighten out. He has been driving the car all this month again. It was sure nice to get the use of it again. We went out 2 weeks ago to the only town we have ever been stoned out of recently. The town of Peñas. Maybe you remember of us telling sometime when we were home of Tata Mariano Medrano's experience of being stoned out and of always wanting to go back. Nobody had ever been back since that was 4 years ago. So we took him and two other men and the car & went back. The head man of the village was very friendly and gave us permission for open-air meetings. We passed out tracts and then began. A very few came close to listen but many hid behind the trees and the doors of their houses afraid to come out. Two Catholic women and one nicely dressed Spanish man walked around the Plaza shouting things at us while we were singing. After the meeting the men wanted to talk some more to the women selling in the Plaza so while we waited the women instigated the boys and young men to mischief. They commenced

tearing up the tracts & throwing them into our faces and the car. We saw they were trying to start something so we pulled out and as we pulled away from the town they came running after the car, with sticks & threw stones at us but luckily we were moving and nothing hit the car. They have a big festival there in Sept. 8. and we want to go again then when there are big crowds. Then we feel the people of the town will be afraid to do anything. It is the most fanatical town I know of here in this part of the country.

Last week end we took a load of preachers and went out to Corocoro on Saturday returning to La Paz, Sunday evening after the afternoon meeting. We had good meetings Sunday A.M. & afternoon. It just makes your heart ache every time you go out there to see the need and realize what could be done for the Gospel if we only had the time. Mariano does real well but he neither reads nor writes and is just an ignorant Indian and the 'Cholo' class of people won't come to hear him of course & Corocoro is composed of that class more than Indians. The roads are good now out there. They have them fixed up fine until it rains again next year. These next months are the ones we should use our car most as now the roads are all in shape until rainy season again and they are making new ones all the time. We are taking out our preachers this month as they are all in here for Bible classes and we want them to see some of the rest of the field besides their own little responsibility. It looked for a while as if the classes would be very small but we have an average of 15 students every day now, and they are all so interesting and eager to learn, it is a joy to teach them. Each one of us five (Juan, Tomasa, Helen, Howard & I) has a class so it isn't heavy on any of us. My class comes in the afternoon so I keep Donny in school in the mornings. I want him to finish so badly this year by the first of September. He ought to have at least a month of vacation before he has to start another year's course. It is still cold here tho we have not had any more snow. In Corocoro the ice was good and thick on the water and didn't melt all day either! It is so much colder there than here in La Paz. None of my plants have died here in La Paz. I have Hollyhocks, geraniums, nasturtiums, petunias, pansies snapdragons and sweet alyssum all in bloom and we still eat rhubarb, carrots & lettuce from the vegetable garden. We are very successful having babies around here tho!! My rabbits didn't breed and we found out they both are males! The chickens won't set, the dog won't have any puppies nor the cat kittens, no my cook any babies!! Ha! Ha! Donny has quite cheated. Love and prayers for you all, your own Judy.