

Thur. night

Dear Sally [crossed out], Sallie, (?)

I hate to admit it but a movie is at least a partial cause of my writing this letter which I should have written ages ago. Monday night we had supper with a lady here who teaches school, then we went to see "Good Morning Miss Dove". I imagine you have seen it – of so you can understand why after seeing it I felt bad about not having written sooner.

This will probably wind up as a long letter so I don't expect to get it finished tonight. I am baby sitting while Mary is at a meeting and I never manage to get very much done with the kids carrying on in their usual loud and nerve racking fashion. Speaking of "nerve racking", how are your nerves holding out after all their years of teaching? I don't think it would last long but a few times lately Mary has expressed a wish to teach as a means of escape from some of the problems around here. (10 P.M.) – I gave up trying to write while the kids were up and just now managed to get Randy to sleep. Both of our kids are night owls and even if we put them to bed early they don't go to sleep early.

Larry was 4 in Aug. and Randy was 1 yr. old in November. You remember he wore a brace for awhile to help correct a shallow hip socket but he seems to be fine along that lines now. He started walking when he was about 10 months old. Although his hop seems to be all right he has been sick an awfully lot since we moved here in July. For several months he had me up every night. He seemed to get all congested and stopped up, almost as if he had asthma. Lately he has been better unless he actually has a cold. Larry is doing fine. He goes to a nurse school in the mornings and has learned a lot there. Also it gives him a chance to play with other children which is good since we live in an upstairs apartment and there are no small children close by in the neighborhood.

We hated to leave Indiana but felt that we had been there long enough (5 years). Because of Purdue University we had a large number of young people in the congregation. That is one thing we miss here because we have just a few. This congregation is smaller than the one there and at times the work here is rather discouraging but we are liking it better all the time. One drawback has been the housing situation and if and when we get into a house things will be much better on that score. Mary and I are both bad about getting attached to people (I'm the worse) so its kind of hard on us to pull up stakes and move.

The 5 years I lived in Lafayette I guess I should have taken some work at Purdue but I always seemed to have my time more than filled up without [illegible, possibly: wonder] taking any school work. Here I have been taking some classes at a Lutheran Seminary. I started Old Testament Introduction, Greek and Hebrew but eventually dropped Hebrew due to a lack of time. This semester I'm taking O.T. Introd., Greek, and a course in Messianic Prophecy.

Do you remember when I first got back to the U.S. you were in Charlottesville and you came over to Woodrow Wilson Hosp. to see me? I think I talked your ear off all one week-end. I know that that helped me a lot in getting prepared to take a furlough and go home. I guess you were the first person I got to talk to much after I got back. That's one among many reasons I appreciate you – even though I know I've been pretty careless about showing it.

Do you ever get to Illinois? There are a lot of historical places to see here in the “Land of Lincoln” so if you could every get through here we would be very glad to see you. How about this summer – or do you still go to summer school? Anyway we should see you in Va. If you squeeze out the time I would like to get a nice newsy letter. I’m sorry I’ve been so long about writing.

Love,

Wendell