

CROSBY, TEXAS

JUNE 24, 1994

My dear Mrs. Takahashi:

What a wonderful surprise your letter. Time does fly by. There are now five of us in the family. Monica will turn thirteen this coming July. Veronica is eight and a half and Edward will turn seven in August.

We have had some good and some hard times. There have been periods of unemployment for me, more frequent as I grow older. I have worked in international security and made handsome profits, but unscrupulous employers have forced me to part with their company and enterprise as an independent contractor. Most of my travels have been to Latin American countries, and I recently visited Great Britain. I have a couple of relatively promising proposals out in Costa Rica but finances have forced me to accept employment with a local guard company starting tomorrow. I'll be 62 in November and my health is slowly but surely leading me toward retirement.

Martha has tried her hand at various enterprises, silk flower arrangements (she has exceptional talent for that), buying from garage sales and reselling selected items, she's collected a number of antiques from the insignificant to some fairly valuable items, with the hope of someday setting up a little shop

shop nearby, but unfortunate situations have time and again depleted our financial base.

We have not returned to San Miguel as a family, I have made three or four trips and all have been work related. San Miguel lost its magic for me, even though it remains quite attractive in many respects. - My sister in law, Maria Justa has an upholstery shop on the road to Quetzaro, she's talented and appears to be doing fairly well catering to an American clientele with her excellent craftsmen.

The girls have given up on their real gardening activities, no longer tending to the growing of vegetables. We have had rather severe weather ranging from unpredictable hard freezes to our present drought and Martha's flower beds have taken a beating. Martha, more than I would like to return to San Francisco.

We have read and re-read your card at least a dozen times, transporting ourselves on each instance to what were simpler but definitely happier times. - We miss you and remember you in a most special way. Your lovely gifts remain prominently displayed in a show case in our dining area.

Congratulations on your business expansion and even though you appear somewhat disappointed, we are sure you'll be just as

successful as ever, more so since you retain faithful and talented employees the likes of Mr. Hernandez.

It was good to hear that your daughter enjoys her prolonged stays in San Miguel, please share with her Maria Justa's name and phone number, she could prove helpful sometime.

We would love to have a picture of you and your husband with a little something written on it, and also one of your catalogs; who knows one of these days we may just make a significant purchase.

Your friendship, dear Mrs. Takahashi, has been a blessing and an inspiration to us, along with our great admiration for your many accomplishments, and for your enormous capacity to deal with bigotry and adversity in general in this somewhat unfair but beloved country of ours.

Many, many thanks for remembering us. You have a very special place in our hearts, and may the good Lord bless and keep you until we meet again.

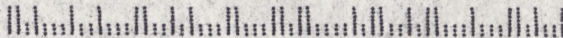
Love as ever,
Martha and Peter

Peter Escalante & Martha R Nunez



Mrs. Jami Takahashi

Birthday
Monica July
Veronica January
Edward August
Peter November



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BLESS YOU
WITH PEACE.
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