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Dear Vi -

Here I be again. I received the box of material, and for heaven's sake, who is paying ~~for~~ all the postage? (My English is already getting a bit 'tainted' if you notice. Too many Japanese all day and every day.)

It felt like a portion of the musty odor of the store-room and the basement of our dear old Church wafted about our room as Martha and I sorted the things out. Undoubtedly you've had to carry that heavy box down to the P.O. to and from the bus-line besides doing all the packing and roping. It's taking me a long time to get to the thank you, but somehow that word is insufficient. I'm afraid, being in this position, about the only way we can repay our dear friends is by keeping you informed of developments of the Church work in this camp.

Will you tell Ruth that I received the package she so kindly sent

me? Of material sent me by the Worley's of the 1st Presby. in Pasadena, certain lessons were insufficient in number to ^{cover} ~~pass~~ one class. Most of the material she sent were the same as those I had on hand, so we will be able to use them - practically all. You don't know how grateful the S. S. teachers are for this material.

Before I forget - please tell me whether or not someone is sending you copies of the (Pacific Citizen) our J. C. L. Paper. It carries news from every Center in the country - even mentions Jack Nata's work in New York occasionally. Don't fail to tell me, because I feel you of all people should read it.

Poor Pa has had a short spell of his 'Autumnal sulk', and was ex-communicated for about five days. Some little thing lifted the self-imposed walls and he's been acting a bit nearer normal since last nite. Mama sighs now and then and says, "I can certainly sympathize with Miss Sell. We have three against one, but she is all by herself."

John was just over last nite. He and Midori are almost on the other side of Camp.

so it's not very often that we see him.

We want you to remember us in your prayers. Especially John. We've had a series of in-law troubles since Altadena days. We've finally come to the conclusion it would be wiser to keep our distance from Midori's folk, and from John. Therefore, John comes to see us alone for Midori has had some verbal exchanges with Mama and Papa. Her folk have revealed themselves to be a type totally uncooperative to this situation.

One cannot fully realize what mental tortures John has gone thru'. John blames himself for the unwise decision he has made, while our folk blame themselves for not having investigated the family more. Such is the state of affairs, and all our hearts are heavy.

We were brought up on a spiritual foundation, while she was reared on a materialistic one. Her parents are ambitious for material and social gains. If a person is of no further asset to them, they mean nothing to them and are cast aside. They have John to their credit, or

so they think, so why should they bother about excess obligations as the rest of us. That is their attitude, so Mama and Papa have not seen them, nor care to. Rather than gaining relatives, it has been the reverse.

John's closest friend Kenneth Nishimoto, the architect is coming here from S. Anita soon, so we hope something can be done about the situation, but I felt that your prayer was needed; we are so unhappy about the whole thing.

Martha has sent for two subjects from Nebraska U. Extension Course, so she will not be idle very long. She is also going to knitting and pattern drafting classes, so in general, our days are shorter than one would suspect, in fact I can hardly find time for reading, so as I see, I have Martha read to me articles of interest, and in turn, I correct her enunciation.

Thank you again for everything and remember us all to Dad.

P.S.

Enclosing pamphlet. Thought you might be interested if you have not already received one.

Gratefully,

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