

AEROGRAMMES HOME

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1977 March to April

SERIES FROM KOREA

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encouraging English classes, exposure to tragedy, spiritual reflection, and renewed desire to baptize.

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General Summary (March–April 1977)

During March and April 1977, Jeff experiences a period of significant emotional strain, personal reflection, and gradual leadership development in his mission service in Seoul, Korea. These months are characterized by companionship difficulty, slowed missionary productivity, and deep self-evaluation, followed by renewed optimism and increased responsibility.

March begins with Jeff feeling discouraged by an unproductive companionship. He frequently expresses frustration over lost teaching opportunities, diminishing numbers of investigators, and a lack of shared motivation with his companion. This period weighs heavily on him, leading to introspection, repentance, and a conscious recommitment to use time more effectively. Despite these challenges, Jeff continues language study, teaches English classes, participates in zone conferences, and reflects deeply on missionary purpose, obedience, and endurance.

Cultural observations continue throughout the period, including reflections on Korean family dynamics, public expressions of emotion, food customs, seasonal changes, and social expectations. Jeff is particularly affected by witnessing family separations at the airport and becomes more sensitive to the emotional cost of missionary life on families and converts alike. Financial discipline improves during this time as he sells personal items to remain within budget and reduces transportation expenses.

By mid-to-late March, Jeff demonstrates growing maturity. He formalizes personal goals, expands efforts to repair ward records, works more closely with members, and shows increasing confidence in teaching gospel discussions independently. Although conflicts with his companion persist, he emphasizes patience, humility, and personal accountability, choosing endurance over confrontation.

April marks an important turning point. Transfers bring Jeff a new companion and a leadership calling as assistant zone leader. His responsibilities expand to include overseeing language study and helping other missionaries pass off discussions—ironically even as he feels his own language mastery is still developing. This transition restores much of his enthusiasm and sense of purpose.

Jeff reports improved morale, renewed motivation, and optimism about missionary work going forward. He becomes more engaged in leadership discussions, missionary strategy, choir organization, family-focused work, and long-term vision for the mission. Though he remains occasionally discouraged and “trunky,” he closes the period expressing gratitude, emotional resilience, and confidence that sustained effort will bring future success.

1977.03.04 Aerogramme Home

Dear family I am still asleep in bed at 7:30 AM this morning. It is P-day again already. It sure came fast, even though this week was the least amount of work done my whole mission. My companion just won't go out. When we did it was to help somebody move. Elder Patton a former Korea missionary and his Korean wife returned to America. Elder Shields made friends with Patton and that is who we helped move out. I never have a voice in our decisions, but the time I tried about zapped me, so I have to endure.

Anyway we also went out to Kimpo airport to say goodbye. There I saw a Korean family parted for the rest of their lives. Patton's wife's family was there to see them go. As Koreans do so they did they showed no emotions right up till the actual departure. Then the girl took her mother's hand and they embraced in tears. Besides all the other problems involved in this marriage this poor family has been disrupted. It's like their daughter died and went to heaven. I was depressed. We didn't belong there. Since elder Shields has been my companion, I've lowered my spirits and accomplished very little. I am now repenting. Whatever happens I've got to give my time. I have known that but haven't done it. When the Elder Shields came we had 25 investigators and now we have 5 investigators we have taught. We have taught a few discussions and the commandments. I've done just OK. I don't understand. Nothing else happened this week.

One of our investigators a family, the father is going to Australia for two years this week. Another family committed to baptism if he receives an answer to his prayer. That's it.

It sounds like you are all really involved in a lot how can you keep up, mom. It must be fun. Only two months left for Cherie and high school. How are you doing? What are you doing Denis? I've yet to hear from Yvonne and Jay. I realize it is hard but I'm worth writing to. It is always an interesting challenge to read my letters. Today I plan on a little baseball and ping pong. I bought a \$25 baseball Mitt it is super for only \$7.00 it was out of greed and lust. I'm settled for a while we tried a few baby warnings catching for exercise and we shall continue. It's good. I have need for information and thanks for the addresses. I need Denis's measurements and his favorite colors to prepare for his birthday. I also want Ron's Jay, Cherie's and the two babies. I need

chest, waist, hips, sleeve, neck, leg, length and colors. This is for Christmas as well. I don't know what, but nothing expensive. Thank you.

I got a letter from Steve heath. He is fine but has been going through some deep thinking. I also got a word from Dixon. He is happy. The weather is nice now I no longer need my electric blanket not till next winter. The language is coming. When you receive this letter I am 1/4 over. It sure has gone fast I don't feel like I have done anything yet. Wow. Out to eat just a minute away. Well I'm done with baseball too. It is now 10:15 AM. I have learned a lot so far. I have grown myself now I just need to help somebody else. I just can't understand why I did so many stupid things before. My thoughts are really rambling. I love you all very much and long to be with you. It is a comfort to know I have such great support.

Love Jeff Please tell Yvonne and Jay to write, Cherie and Denis too.

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1977.03.07 Aerogramme Home

Dear Family, I blew it again. When you read this, I will be 4 weeks late by the time I should have written a happy birthday to Mom. I am not used to this 2 week lag. Anyhow, Mom, I hope it was happy. I have a nifty card I'll be sending in a package. Well, I did some big things this week, the weather is warming up a little so I was given a choice with what to do in my white overcoat. It is really a hassle to keep clean, so I took the opportunity to sell it for 40,000 won or about \$83.00. I can buy a good one (dark color) in the summer for half that price. So I shall do. So, the month of March is going to be financially interesting from your view.

I had "3" \$20 traveler's checks left, so I wrote 1 of those out for my \$20, and that should do it for the month. My new companion does not ride in taxis and that brings costs way down. That will take care of my living expense. In July or August I'll use about \$40-45 for a coat and that will make that month seem more. So I'll probably not have a withdrawal this month, OK.

Panel 2

This past week's highlights include an English class I taught Friday at our church. We made a free community class, so this particular evening I was teaching the high class as usual, but it became quite a challenge. We started on favorite things, to which one student said "I'm sorry, but I like drinking and getting drunk!" I wasn't surprised, but I came back with a terrific rebuttal.

I asked "Why are you sorry?" He said because of the church beliefs and since we were meeting here, was why. I said "If you ever have to be sorry for your behavior before someone, then your behavior must not be worthwhile, deep inside you, you feel drinking is wrong." About those words, he was silent, nodding his head a little up and down.

The class became even more difficult since we got on "whether women are superior to men." In Korea, women are low, but yet they can work any job (labor) a man does. We eventually ended up on the plan of salvation and the opportunity for baptism and marriage in the spirit world. What a night. I can teach the first discussion all alone now. I'm picking up a little ability, but hearing still hard.

Panel 3

Yesterday, I could understand most of the "Meet the Mormons" film and tape. I couldn't believe it. I'd get so excited I would lose concentration a while. It sure is great to see people I know or have met, get baptized like I did Saturday. investigators of other Elders which I'd met. In our own situation, we have almost more than the usual number of investigators, but they but they all have some kind of delaying problem. (1) A secret we can't be told, two years later will be baptized. (2) Parents refuse permission. (3) Leaving for America soon, (4) Going to America in one week, but family is staying. (5) Really, I just want to learn English, (6) I haven't prayed, I feel silly. It really is crazy sometimes. Another one is Word of Wisdom. Every legal age male smokes those stupid cigarettes. I even met a man this past week, who is LDS...

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Says he knows the Church is true, but he is inactive and smoking. I asked him why? He said "Friends exchange cigs to be social, and he couldn't stop. I told him smoking is not a part of the Korean culture. If he had friends who would be offended because he lived his religion and did not smoke, those people

probably aren't real friends. I said if they wonder why you don't, teach them about the church. Your supposed to be anyway. I said "Will you stop now?" He said he'd do his best. I didn't believe him. Next time I saw him, he was smoking strong. He even wants us to teach his fiancé so she can be baptized. He is a deacon.

My skin is the same, we better, no worse, that is an accomplishment in dirty greasy Korea. Yes, I bought a beautiful new wool suit last December for about \$70. I have the film, toothe paste, and deodorant. I don't need "Jesus the Christ." If I ever find time, I can be a can buy a little paperback copy. Right now, I need only my discussions, my 2 sticks. If I learn that much of the gospel, I can be equipped with all I need to convent the world So, no thank you. Keep the "Jesus the Christ."

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[Outer Panel] If your child said she wanted to join another church would you want to talk to the people responsible for giving her that feeling? What would you do?

1977.03.14 Aerogramme Home

Dear family, Elder Clark is presently doing handstand standing from squat position. He is strong! He is a cowboy from Afton, Wyoming. He is the Zone Leader living in my house. We, as a district, 4 of us, have a good time. My companion is still unusual but it is hard to get things done out of him. I don't have any problem getting along, but I sure wonder when I am going to get a companion with similar feelings and goals as me. He is organized and clean. A lot has transpired this week.

I have finally got going on my regular exercise program. It has been too cold in the past to get out of bed. So since I have started I've been a little sore, but I'm getting back into it. I had a little experience Tuesday. We went to the mission home on an errand and I left my discussion book in the taxi. I thought I was doomed forever. All the work lost in a taxi. Well, for about the first time in history, the taxi driver brought it back, but ran his meter doing it and I paid 500

won (\$1.00) to get it from him. I was glad to get it back.

I had my second zone conference in Korea this week too. It was a good one. The theme was taken from a *book* by Jimmy Carte – “Why Not The Best.” We learned about a program called “Thrashing the Nations.” What it is is a blessing given in a home as part of finding the elect proselyting activity. You knock at the door, or meet a family at home somehow and ask to come in for a minute by saying this, “We are representatives of Jesus Christ and have come to leave a blessing with your family and home.” It has had great success in many other missions. They have pulled it right out of scriptures (Luke 10:5-6) (D&C75:18-19).

Here is a good one. Elder Clark and Elder Barker on their way out one day, and just began their prayer, E. Clark speaking “and help us as we meet Sister - a Sister.” So he pulled his notebook out of his pocket and looked for the name of their investigator. Elder Barker, wondering what was going on, glimpsed -- and then they had to start over because of the laughter. It is a good thing that the Lord is merciful, wasn't bad, just unusual. I think the Lord is understanding. Many times, we have been praying with investigators when we were interrupted, they stop a second and tell the disturbance “hey, we're praying” and continue. I've wondered maybe times what to do.

I was another girl baptized Saturday, but I didn't do it, in fact, I couldn't go to the meeting. I split with another Elder to do a lot business. Another big event of the week. I received my first wedding announcement. It's a girl I knew at school. It sure came on fast. I had told her it would, but she said it would be years. I was RIGHT! She was in my theory class. They went to LDS Mesa Temple. He is a cop. She has married. Now down a “1.”

So Dave Merrill lucked out. I couldn't believe you sent the letter to tell me about his call without finding out what city. I'll know by the time you get this letter. Dickson is excited. I guess he is in the LTM now. Jim Jones will be here before you received the letter too. Wow.

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Things are happening. How is the family? I have to send a tape soon. I have not sent a package yet? I'm still filling it, so, in 2 or 3 months, you will get all

kinds of goodies. How's Jay and Yvonne's family doing? I have not heard from them yet? How is Ron doing now? The time is going fast, and every Elder I talk to always says that. It really trunks them out, when certain letters say, "well I guess we will see you soon."

My request don't talk about time, only the use of it. I feel I have already wasted so much. I have got to move, now. I will do it. My language is coming, slowly, but it's coming. I still wonder when I will understand. Could you send Heath's address? I don't know it. I could use Van's and Dan's too. My address, can almost always remain the same. Well, I love you more every day and appreciate my blessings. Thanks for your prayers. I hope you are all working hard .

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1977.03.21 Aerogramme Home

(True spring, Korea spring started in February on the 4th so they say.)

Dear family, well last week I mailed the package after all. It only cost \$6.00 so that's pretty good. It's sure to be there in three to five weeks after you get this letter. The past week was a doozy. It was faster than any other, and yet we did so very little. I gotta eat, lost a minute. Or adima said lockjaw which means let's eat. After breakfast, we went to a park close by and hit a few balls and rolled in the dirt with a baseball. It was great. To recap the week the man I baptized has been working in an illegal English institute without license for necessity to feed his family. This week he found another job in a legal and one of the best English institutes in Seoul. I think he recognizes his blessing.

Also this week I finally wrote down official goals for the future. I don't know if you knew it but I have carried a little card in my wallet for about four years with goals and ambitions on it. I revised and added to it this week. So now I have official targets. They are basically the things I have written about, but they are all in one place now. We worked on the member book some more

this week. It is terrible the shape of the ward's records and the inactive members. We plan to visit some of these people and try to meet their non-member relatives as well. We met a family Wednesday night and challenged them to baptism. He wasn't so sure it was a good idea, but invited us back with intentions to try. He is a professor at Seoul National University- best in Korea.

We attended a Relief Society conference Thursday night. It was interesting. They had a program with speakers (boy was it noisy, the audience) and skits from each Ward or Branch. 3rd ward mine was the best, they did a spoof on an ancient Korean tale. The costumes were great. They even had spotlights. They were nifty. Just a three inch lens set in a box with a filmstrip projector behind it. It worked so well.

Friday night I had a big altercation with my companion. He doesn't understand his duties as a senior. He said you do everything I tell you. Oftentimes, he is insubordinate to leaders. He has had some problems on his mission before. He is terribly smart but he hasn't grown up yet. All day Saturday was silent. We didn't go anywhere. I apologized for causing him to anger. By now he has dropped it and we're back to normal if not full function. I'm going to try more subtlety and endure -- it's hard. But I'll make it. I'm more worried about my own problems. I've just got to study and teach.

Sunday was good. We had a promise with a New Girl after church. She is the thinker. Looks good. Last night we also watched slides. Korea has some beautiful country right here in Seoul, it's grand(sic). I'm looking forward to the country. President Till has called Korea Wide trips for conferences and all the missionaries have gone to these beautiful places. I don't know if he will do another one before he leaves in July. I felt good and bad this week. I'm exercising. I'm also looking into acupuncture for the zits. They can do it.

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1977.03.07 Aerogramme Home/Ward & Bishop

Dear Ward and Bishop and Bishopric,

I am in Seoul, Korea. I am presently serving in the third ward which is right in the heart of downtown Seoul. That means all the business world is within our boundaries. We have about 5 million people working in the area then each day but about 4/5 of that amount of people don't live here. They live in other wards and areas in Seoul and thereabouts. That means a lot of our contacts are given away to other missionaries. It is a place for much work anyway there is a lot of people to work with.

I've learned some important things on my mission that apply anywhere in the world. They include the home teaching program family home evening and as members of the church setting the proper example. I thought these things I've learned would interest the ward. In my area now there are about 400 members in our ward. About 80 are active I have been working on award member book for the missionaries and have discovered these shocking facts. Many of these inactive members were baptized within five or seven years ago. Due to the lack of ward fellowship, their own missed performance and no home teaching they have fallen away. Many even know the church is true but have lost the desire to participate because various programs outlined by the church even a living prophet are not being utilized. A

After a missionary introduces the church and baptizes the convert, if they don't receive the individual help in teaching they have received from the missionaries from their family and home teachers they can easily be lost. These programs are family, and individuals within the family, oriented. So here is my advice. If you are not following these programs do it. If you are in school and are not attending church with the right attitude or not supporting the ironic priesthood youth program do it. If you are not keeping all the commandments including the word of wisdom honesty chastity the Sabbath like the missionaries teach every day do it period now I have used up most of my space with this observation but it is the simplest and most important thing I have learned. There is no excuse to not use these programs why gamble with your eternal salvation.

The Korean people are incredibly patient loving and kind. Part of the culture is to offer a treat to visitors and as missionaries we visit a lot and therefore eat a lot of new kinds of food. The lunar calendar is favorite among Koreans for their holidays. On the lunar new year we had several dinner promises which nearly killed us at the end of the day for being so full. It takes some adjusting to the new diet but Korean rice is so much better tasting than American rice I was surprised at how well I liked it against my expectations. The language is coming with so slowly. I love it with all my heart and I love this people. The Lord has done me a big favor by calling me here. I thank you for your prayers.

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1977.03.28 Aerogramme Home

Dear Family, Today was a little mixed up with business and a movie. Not to mention the trip to the Barber and my one hour bath. So it is now 4:30 PM. And I'm starting the letter. How is everybody. I got a letter from Steve Heath today he has had some trials similar to mine in spiritual needs and just. Where we stand as missionaries before God. He sure is a great person to know. He said he'd felt it was a long time since we had lost last met up period since high school that is. You'd like to bring our relationship closer. So my challenge is to really put my feelings down on paper.

I have learned fast how important letters from friends and family are. I have also learned many things I want to apply in my future life. For example, a diary or a journal life history if you will. I say to you all now start a diary today. I think you ought to have a family night about this. Go to the store and buy some nice journal books and do it. Rather than write every day though right when you think there is a need and every Sunday. It would be a good idea for the Sabbath day to review the week and record it. Thereby preparing for the next week. Talk about it in the family night. Decide what is best and do it. I already treasure some things I have recorded of the LTM. Denis, what you could write now will be worth so much in your future life. Cherie, do it. Write down how you feel about school and people. Mom and Dad, it is your challenge to do genealogy for you and your ancestors but think about your life history. The Ensign has talked about it. Do it. I plan to. Also family night. You already know I feel because of such great parents I have been able to follow after the ways

of righteousness, even without a Monday night every week. But do it now. It brings additional blessings now.

Because I have seen how member referrals are needed, I give you the challenge to prayerfully consider a family to fellowship and introduce to the missionaries. You will get the blessings and share with me some of the joy I have. And I will yet have. Do it. Do it. The joy I have is I will yet have period do it. This past week was another slow one with lots of study. My companion was sick. This is the trial. And so far I have been patient and done OK. I'm going to give it all this week and get some teaching done. I have much to learn in the language but it is coming. By now Van, Dan and some others including Dickson, by now, will have their language quite workable. I just keep working. I love it and I really love the people. There are Elders who don't love it and they are always unhappy and lazy. I feel my companion is that way sometimes. He also has a problem with girls, but he is doing better period thanks for your prayers your love and support. I'm happy yet not satisfied. I'm going to convert the world if I can. Do it.

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1977.04.11 Aerogramme Home

Dear family, [?Hangul] I woke up this morning with a bit of a sore throat at 6:30 AM caused by the telephone inviting 2 elders to basketball. I wanted to go but in my situation I ended up sleeping till nine. The story is about the same with my companion. Transfers are next week, but they haven't seen been announced. Speaking honestly, I am afraid to hear them in case nothing happens. If we stay together again it will be challenge. I spoke in church yesterday. I don't know how well I was understood but the other missionaries said it was OK. I talked a little bit about Easter eggs and baskets which they don't do and then about Christ's Resurrection. An Easter egg is resurrection day - several painted color eggs. As it literally translates ? 부활절의 — Easter's / of Easter 제 색 달걀 — dyed egg(s)
Poo Hwal Jeol Ye Chae Saeg Dal Gyal.

I also spoke about member responsibility and home teaching program. I even asked what we should do about the abundant and active members. And how

we can help them. I received your two volume letter write together. It took seven days to get here pretty good. I enjoyed them very much because as you spoke about the UME AM ENC etcetera it reminded me of that same kind of stuff at school. You experience a little of my excitement at ASU. By the way, Barbara Andres was in my music education class teacher. I think I wrote and told you about her specifically at one time period she's good. That kind of thing really excited my music ambitions.

About the acupuncture, it didn't do anything for me. It felt good and I only had a light treatment, but I still have zits even though he said they would go away. Do you did you meet him ohh no really our Stake President. He joined the church when he was young as an English *spaz*. He speaks good English huh? His Korean title. 이호남 스테이크 부장님 Stake Department Manager.

I didn't fully understand about Marcia. It doesn't sound like it was a good thing. I guess they don't ever plan on marrying. Are new president of the mission will be someone named Hawkins who is a Bishop in Murray somewhere. It will be in the church news, I never mentioned how fun it was to see Jim Jones. Also, Cindy Call' "dear-johned" boyfriend has been here in Seoul. Working technical things with the New Horizons. He goes back to bountiful in May. Rich White is his name. The elder JD Clark, who is here in 3rd ward now, went in the LTM with Marshall Maurice, so they are friends too.

This past week we only taught one time period I'm fearful that these months are a waste because I didn't practice language enough in teaching. We went out to kimpo airport again last Saturday to say goodbye to 1 investigator going to Australia. I wish we wouldn't keep going out there it's trunky period last week we also went on a mountain hike with the Stake Young Adults. It was a beautiful day. We went South of Seoul somewhere to a mountain area. Korea is very hilly and bumpy. The members are crazy as any young adult group at home.

Are house dad (non-member) is preparing to go to America. Is thinking of ways to make money. He has borrowed some Elders' flip chart and had friends of his paint and copy some of the pictures. He brought some home yesterday. They aren't bad. He has the Joseph Smith portrait, President Kimbell, First Vision picture, and Mormon with the Plates. He may get into copyright trouble in the US. He's nuts. Out for money. In Korea copyrights don't mean anything. I remain happy and thank all for my great blessings and super family. I've been

a little discouraged, but I continue to try. Elder Shields has a an unusual family background which probably accounts for many of his problems. I got problems too, but he doesn't want to work them out. I'll make it.

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1977.04.18 Aerogramme Home

Dear family, this is the news. Elder Shields is still in Third Ward, who has a new companion. I am staying in 3rd ward with a new companion, Elder Dan Nelson, from Boise. He is the zone leader now which makes me the assistant zone leader. I will be responsible for language study reports and passing off discussions from the Elders in the zone. That seems funny because I have only passed off 1 discussion and now I'm passing the other Elders off. My move was changing beds, closets and desks. Elder Nelson went to Bora high school and has lived in Idaho all his life. Boise 23rd ward. Any of you attended. He has six months left in Korea. He worked 8 months as personal secretary at the Mission home.

Yesterday was Stake conference and I attended to only understand a little. I guess it was a good meeting. This past week was a little better for Elder Schultz and I, but he is still here. Only not my companion. I hope he works well with his new companion. So anyway, Tuesday, I had a fun time at the English class. I talked about dancing and a movie the Great Waltz, which I saw last week. It is always a lot of fun to meet with these people. It makes me feel good too when some investigators come out of it. I often tell the classes why I'm in Korea.

The old zone leader and his companion had a sad experience. One of their investigators nephews was beaten by his father. His two year old baby boy ended up in a coma. Elders Clark and Barker went to give him a blessing but the hospital wouldn't let them do it as they are experimenting on the child. Because it is a medical record. They didn't want the Elders to bless or to mess up their research. It's really bad this has to happen. Their investigator was baptized Saturday, though.

Thursday I wrote 10 pages in my journal for my bump 1/4 over. I pray for more

strength in the future and more success. I've got to start baptizing people. And I hope now I can get in and teach more. And baptize more. I got a real nice letter from Diane about the MENC thing. She decided to go music all the way now. She also told me Scott Tune is going to Australia and Rhett Mitchell (bassoon) for Mexico. Cherie, congrats on your scholarship. Make sure you read the March Short Story contest. There is a neat story in letters home about BYU life you'd enjoy it. You'll like BYU too.

About your Korean culture night. The noodles are Chinese food. They can be prepared many different ways. The cabbage stuff is kimchi. There are many different kinds. The hot drink could have been one of many different teas which they drink all the time. Didn't you try octopus or other dishes? I'll be fun to tell you about what I've eaten. We went to the meat shop the other day. I saw the pig's feet. They eat the whole pig. The head is the favorite. Korean rice and other foods are good. Chinese foods are the weird ones. Japan is even stranger.

I hope your music lessons work out. I hope Cherie gets the goat song down. I hope to be looking into some Korean drums in the future maybe even learning how.

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P.S.

Desires: Pictures of my panzies, Cassette tapes, Selections of Band Music (1 or 2 only)

My Percussion Ensembles, etc. ASU. Letters from Yvonne and Jay.

I am pooped out. Can't think of anything more. I'm glad I am here. I've been thinking a lot about all of you lately. Kind of trunky. I miss the music a little too.

1977.04.25 Aerogramme Home

디어 패밀리, 안녕하십니까? 한글은 무엇인지를 잊지않도록 엘러
드리었습니다!

*Dieo Paemilli, Annyeonghasimnikka? Hangeureun mueosinji-reul itji-anhdorok
elleo deurieotseumnida!*

Dear Family, how are you? I wrote this to help you not forget what Hangul is!

I'm happy. My companion is a fine man. He is from Boise 23rd ward and has known Elder MJ Pritchett from before. He is a convert to the church, gets up every morning before 6 as he has his whole mission. He was personal secretary to the mission president for eight months. He is now the zone leader and has some super ideas. We've been talking about ways to revolutionize the mission with the old door knocking. Elders don't knock much anymore, they're missing people, they're missing humility. We have a schedule worked out that will present to President Till before our zone conference this week. I'm fairly excited about it.

As an assistant only leader, I interviewed several elders this past week about their language study. Amazes me how different every Elder was. Some were all gung-ho for the program and others said it doesn't work. I was very impressed with a few Elders and their humble spirit and hard work. It is easy to see who is putting forth. It gives me incentive to work harder. There is a good Elder from Phoenix here with us in 3rd ward - Elder Jeff Collins, who is a month behind me and is a humble man. He is with Elder Shields now. He likes baseball so that's good. Then there's Nelson - played high school basketball. He's about 6' 4". It is fun to ride buses we can both put our heads up past the ceiling in the air vents on the bus.

We finished an English class this week which I have been involved with for four months as we started explaining how we wouldn't have time. As one later the class whipped out presents for us - socks. They looked at my companion's feet and decided they'd better get something else. They did. T-shirts. So that headache is over. English isn't an effective way to proselyte. We are called to teach people in their own language.

Sunday we missionaries, health sisters, and a few members started the ward

choir. I sang tenor since no one else could read. Others mostly got the base. Of course I was all falsetto. My voice is lower now but I'm not really loose losing my top. I can handle middle C.

Soul is a city but there are a lot of places blooming out. Especially in an area since we are close to the President's Palace. There is one street near here which looks like Europe wow. The Italian and Saudi Arabian embassies are in that area. We are looking for a new HASOOK over there. We were walking down that street and met one Korean guide and asked about a HASOOK. She spoke back in perfect English saying she wasn't sure. She said there had been to the states but had returned home. Good English. The house was something too. One day when we went out to 5th award for interviews we met the AHJIUMA (house lady) and she spoke great too. She said she went to Boston, MA for six months. Her husband graduated from MIT in nuclear engineering and teaches at Seoul National University.

The future looks good, I love to be finding some families. Elder Nelson focuses more attention there than anywhere. Love you all. I'm grateful for all your prayers and support.

Love, JEFF [Go Top](#)