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Letter from Patti Mattox Bryant to F. W. and Mildred Mattox

Patti Mattox Bryant

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August 11, 1960

Dear Mother and Daddy,

It was not a great shock to hear about Grandfather's death. We were expecting it. And I couldn't be too sad, because he had lived a long life and was as prepared as a man can be to meet God. I have some wonderful memories of Grandfather. I remember that when I was a child we used to lie outside on a pallet at night and look up at the stars. Grandfather taught me the 23rd Psalm on several of those occasions. It meant so much to me because the Shepherd was so real to Grandfather. It is so easy to think that the same Shepherd was with him in the "valley of the shadow". Grandfather will be missed by all of us and especially by Granny. We pray that Granny will not be too lonely. I wrote her a letter after I heard. I wonder if perhaps she will move now to California. I'm really sorry that I could not be at the funeral, but sorrier that I didn't go by to see Grandfather while I was home. However, a visit from me probably wouldn't have meant a great deal anyway except in a fleeting way, and it didn't seem best at the time.

We are doing fine in every way. All of us are well and the work is going well. There are no big problems pressing now and we are having a little bit of a rest with the students away. There are papers to grade, occasional visitors. A chief came yesterday wanting to borrow some money to finish a church building. Rees hasn't decided yet. A statement from the bank says we are overdrawn on the Nigerian Fund. \$2000 remains in Port Arthur and only has to be brought over. Here instead of bouncing a check, they go ahead and cash it! Rees is going into Aba to straighten it out this morning and can carry my letter to mail.

Stephen got his drivers license yesterday. Rees has taught him. Having another driver will be a great help on hospital trips. We (the Masseys and Bryants) have taken 12 cases in 9 days.

We are getting letters ready to send out to all the churches asking them to select 2 or 3 girls each to come to the girl's school. We are planning to begin Sept. 13 when the boy's school begins. Sister Akandu will teach one class in home management. Joyce and I will use A.O. George, the best second year student, for our interpreter.

David's teeth are coming like pop-corn. He has five through and more just under the gum. He's been a little fussy with them.

We took all four children into Aba to see the cartoons that are shown at the European club every Monday night. The "cartoons" turned out to be a western with the Durango Kid. Billy Rees said after we came home, "Dare wuh hawted an' dey wun an' wun an' wun." (There were horses and they run and run and run.)

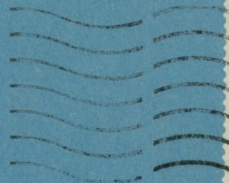
Sara Jo has a new game called Ludo. It is played with dice and little buttons which are moved around the board according to the number thrown. Sara Jo can play as well as anyone because she can count just fine. She is thrilled with it.

I've ordered the Calvert Kindergarten for Sara Jo and Joyce has ordered it for Carol. We should be able to start in September. I think maybe Charla will want it for Shawna. It is for fours and fives.

All for now. Rees is ready to go. We love you both so much. Patti

BY AIR MAIL

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