

From a phone conversation with Karen:

Mark is still in a little town called Eustis, FL and he just turned 21. Stephen will turn 20 next week. He's in a new town Kurashiki. He seems very happy and the language comes easy to him. It is starting to get cold there. We received a package from Stephen the other day. He send an audio tape of some rock music that a contact had given him. He sent it home to Michael so that he could resist the temptation of listening to it. He asked Michael to send him some ski gloves in trade for the tape since it is getting cold there.

Last week Barbara broke her little finger which isn't such a big deal except that she had a recorder concert, a piano recital and she plays violin. She broke it playing tether ball which is really popular at our school. She went to hit the ball but she hit the pole instead. The Dr. put on a splint that she has to wear for four weeks.

Emily is playing on the freshman and sophomore basketball teams. Michael goes to school, works and Novatek and has a very active social life.

David has been down with the flu but he's doing test runs and they shipped two mud hammers to Germany that will be tested down hole in January. I am still doing accounting. I'll be heading into tax season quickly. I'm already meeting with clients on tax issues.

Next weekend we will be in San Diego with the family for little trip. We're planning on going to Tiajuana and then the San Diego Zoo and maybe do a little Christmas shopping while we are down there.