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Dear Mum, Olive, Ruby, Francis, Ralph.

Your granddaughter, niece & cousin is just doing fine. She has gained 14 ounces since she was born and Mummie has lots of milk for her. Since I don't have hard physical work to do here I guess I'll keep right on having it. All the rest of us are fine too. Kennie was thrilled today. Susan was crying and he walked to the crib and started to talk to her. Immediately she stopped and watched him so intently. Both boys are just thrilled with her. Tommie is not the least bit jealous but is always wanting to kiss her. Last night she slept from 10.30 until five this morning. Just think mum you have four grandchildren and won't they have fun all together when we come home!

You know this is the hardest part (and the only part harder than any other job a person does conscientiously) of being a missionary, being so far from our families. But the times we'll have together will be all the richer and more appreciated. We are still waiting for our car to arrive to go to Salangue. But keep our mail coming here. Mail is easily forwarded between stations here. By the way Susan will be registered with the American consulate here and therefore will be an American citizen, just like all the other missionary children born here. I am sending a snap of boys taken at Elende wearing the pants I made for them. I wish I had noticed Kennell's strap. Mag & Frances Botham took pictures of Susan the day after she was born. I do hope they come out. If so you'll be getting one soon. This is a short and not very exciting letter but it will let you know we're O.K. and I'll try to write more next time. Lots of love & kisses from us all to you all.

Betty