

Dear Penny, Len
Marianne, Chris + Mike:

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Tomorrow is Camron's birthday - but we celebrated today since it is a holiday in Iran. Camron makes a big 13 year old ^(he is as tall as me) - he got a tape-player for his birthday and it is a big success. He got all A's except for 2B+'s on his quarter grades, but now I hear that all schools in Iran are closed so I don't know if he and Melanie will go to school tomorrow or not. They have already been home 5 days due to a previous decision. Everything is extremely depressing. The University is to be closed down, for how long is not clear. Luckily nothing violent ^{has} happened at Arya Mehr and I suppose Moe is relieved in a way that the students will not be coming back tomorrow when they were due to.

I am sending you a card now since with Iranian postal strikes + airline strikes if I mail it now you may get it for Christmas!

Foreigners are not popular here especially Americans. Three restaurants in town have been bombed and everyone is uncertain which day is ok to go to town. Whatever the rights and wrongs, the riots and strikes have damaged the economy and pushed this country backward. This University was one of the few which opened on schedule this Fall and classes had been held until the last 2 weeks ~~and~~ after the Tehran riots, a military cabinet was installed. Melanie and Camron are fine and I am ok but have little to look forward to. My job with the Isfahan Vocational Center is not much use since all the contacts I had made on their behalf have fallen apart since so many



Americans are leaving. I had arranged for a table to sell their wares produced by the deaf at the Women's Club sale, but the sale was cancelled due to trouble (rather the possibility of trouble) in town. My closest friend on campus left last week for England, probably permanently. It seems impossible to plan ahead and I am in the curious position of being bored, worried, and frightened all at the same time if such a mix of woes is possible! The thought of planning Christmas celebrations seems like an impossible task.

I am considering returning to US for a period of time especially if the children can't go to school. Say hello to everyone and wish them a happy Christmas from us. Moe says hello to Len. Moe finally got a haircut the other day after I reminded him of what you might say could you have seen him! We are comfortable if isolated at our campus house, and Moe has not had time to rent the Tehran house. Love to all, Moe, Gloria
Cam + Melanie