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**A Little Bit of June.**

Hi all, **b**eing late with our letters is getting to be a habit. This will also be short. However, … we do have a valid excuse. The end of May and early June have proved very interesting.

The N.Y.C./Nairobi branch of the family decided to come to Ottawa to see the Canadian Branch of the family. The visiting branch being: Carol, Gerry, Gweth (26 months) and Rehema (6 months). Ha! The house has regressed 50 years in time. All over the place are: Cribs, Basinets, High Chairs, Play Pens, Strollers, Kiddie-Cars, and Baby Bottles. They arrived June 1st and have taken over the house. Seems like *“Olde Times”.*

Pre-visit preparations were consuming! Bedding, food, safety-gates, dangerous item check et al. As far as house cleaning went we decided to have a crew come in and do a super, super job. Things like baseboards and ceilings hadn’t been touched for ten years or more, and boy they sure did.

The evening of their arrival we had Gypsy Stew, a top of the stove dish. This proved fortunate. The following night we put a Vegetable Lasagna in the over to bake and the oven wouldn’t come on. Good Grief! Dinner for eight and the oven decides not to work, (Murphy’s Law). Daughter Linda Dashed out to get a take-out Schwarma, which we have no idea how to spell. (And neither does Bill Gates.) Son Norman arrives while she’s out[[1]](#footnote-1)[1]. Norm goes to fiddle with the knobs just as the rest of us had already done. Thinking outside the box, he has the oven on in about five minutes. Impressive!

Our Super cleaning crew must have taken off the knobs on the range to clean behind them. Putting them back on they had reversed the positions of the Selector knob and the Temperature knob. What a relief, could have been days with no oven.

So far all are surviving.

The Lasagna was delicious and we are looking forward to next five days, …they should make an interesting follow-up letter..

From Ottawa,

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1. [1] As far as in-laws & step people we dispense with all suffixes & prefixes, … easier. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)