

DEAR KAY,

I REALLY MISS TREVOR. PLEASE, TELL ME HE IS OKAY AND THAT HE IS SETTling IN ALRIGHT. HE HAS A HARD TIME MOVING TO NEW HOMES. HE HAS BEEN MOVED SO MUCH AND I JUST THINK

HE IS FED UP WITH ADJUSTING TO NEW RULES AND PEOPLE.

I WISH I HAD BEEN SMARTER IN MY LIFE, BUT HE HAS BEEN SO STRONG. HE IS SUCH A WONDERFUL SON AND I MISS HIM SO MUCH.

I HAVE BEEN OKAY LATELY. I HAVE BEEN MAKING SOME CLOSE FRIENDS AND THAT HELPS WITH THE LONELINESS OF BEING AWAY

FROM MY CHILDREN, BUT IT NEVER TAKES THAT FEELING AWAY. WHAT MAKES ME THE SADDEST THIS HOLIDAY IS THAT MY KIDS WILL BE APART FROM EACH OTHER. TREVOR USED TO

SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH HIS BROTHER MICHAEL, BUT NOW MICHAEL IS IN AN EMERGENCY PLACEMENT. I KNOW IT IS A LOT TO ASK, BUT WOULD YOU CONSIDER TAKING MICHAEL INTO YOUR HOME AS WELL?

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE SOME TIME WHERE THEY CAN SPEND TIME TOGETHER. MICHAEL LOOKS UP TO TREVOR AND RELAYS ON HIM FOR SUPPORT. BOTH TREVOR AND

MICHAEL STILL HAVEN'T MET THEIR LITTLE SISTER MEGHAN COULD A GET TOGETHER BE ARRANGED?

TELL TREVOR THAT HIS MOMMY LOVES HIM VERY MUCH

AND I THINK OF HIM ALL THE TIME. I AM TRYING REALLY HARD TO GET BETTER SO OUR FAMILY CAN BE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN. PLEASE MAKE SURE HE KNOWS THIS.

LOVE

CHRISTY LARSON

Response from Kay Dahl

Dear Christy,

I was very pleased to receive your letter, and am glad that things are beginning to turn around for you.

Please rest assured that Trevor is fine although he misses you very much. We had a very quiet Holiday season. The Christmas season can be very difficult for children when they are separated from their families so we try to keep things very low key.

Trevor will begin attending an alternate school in the New Year where he will be allowed to work at his own pace. He seemed to think that the alternate system would work better for him rather than the regular school system. He does have a fair bit of frustration that reveals itself in some inappropriate behaviour from time to time. But it is not unmanageable and Trevor is beginning to learn how to manage his frustration more positively. I have a practice of not having children removed from my home, except in very extreme situations, so we expect that Trevor will stay with us until he can come home, so please don't worry about him moving.

I have had several long talks with Trevor and he seems to understand why he is in care and that you are working hard to get healthy so you can be with your children. We reinforce the fact that you are Trevor's mother and that you love him and his siblings very much.

I am glad to know you are making friends as they can be a very good source of support when things get rough. When you are able to have visits, if it is possible, we would be very willing to bring Trevor to see you.

I have discussed your request regarding Michael with my husband and we agree that if the Ministry is willing to have Michael live here we can discuss it with them. We will definitely try to arrange a visit between the two boys as soon as possible.

Please write as often as you like and feel free to write to Trevor at our address.

With prayers and all good wishes,
Kay