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Dr. Mike,

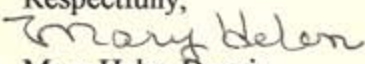
You don't know me, but I worked for your father 30 years ago when I was 19 years old. On the days when things were quite in the office: if you can believe there ever were days like that, I would come to your house to baby-sit you and your sisters. Which by the way, was a lot more fun than working in the office. My sister, Michelle Penland and her family still come to your office for their dental care, so she keeps me updated. Last week she told me about the article in the "Delaware Today". We finally found two copies your father missed out on purchasing.

The article about "Operation Smile" spoke to the very core of my heart. **Children!!** What an absolutely marvelous service you are providing to these needy children. Education being an added benefit they receive from your presence there. And one that stays long after you've returned home.

In your gathering of volunteers that accompany you on these trips, do you have people who are not dentists? Helpers, assistants, etc. someone like myself. If so, I would very much like to talk to you about being part of your team. At present I volunteer at a half way house for babies who have been born to HIV positive mothers, but I have always wanted to do something like "Operation Smile".

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet about my newly created business. Hopefully it will give you a better understanding of who I am. Feel free to visit my web site. I hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully,


Mary Helen Dennis

