

Ann Arbor, the 13th of September 2007

Dear Bonnie,

Please, I first want to let you know I have not forgotten to answer you! As you can imagine, I am quiet busy, but this is not a good excuse ...

I wanted to profit of some summer vacation to take the time of writing you. This is why you will find two postal cards from where I come in France. I just came back from Europe yesterday! My family lives in Bordeaux, a city very famous for its wine. All the people living in Bordeaux are used to go to the beach for swimming in a city called Arcachon, located at about one hour by car.

I really want to tell you thank you so much for all, as well as of what you sent to me. I carefully read all. I admire a lot your energy, your courage and all of what you do.

Thanks to you, I was extremely honored to receive a NKF fellowship for working on IgA nephropathy. I am someone very sensible to the others, as well as very motivated, enthusiast and persevering. I always try to do all my best in what I do, and for the others.

As you, I really have the hope that things will move soon regarding IgA nephropathy. I am proud to now participate in that.

With you as Mum and the Strides for IgA Nephropathy, Eddie is not alone and combats each day the disease and this is very courageous. Please let him know that.

I also understand what means kidney disease; my Dad suffers of a FSGS since 1990; my sister and I were still kids at that time.

I think you will be interested to know that first results on IgA nephropathy have been accepted for a free communication at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), which will be the 2nd of November 2007 in San Francisco.

I am already very excited. This meeting offers huge opportunities to share information to go forward and to learn millions of things!

I think you know already a lot about me, but if you are interested, I invite you to have a look on our group website at:

http://www.sitemaker.umich.edu/kretzlerlab/team_members

If you have the opportunity to come at the University of Michigan, I will be of course very happy to meet you and show you are lab. The University of Michigan is a very nice place where everything looks possible!

I wish you all the best, and keep the hope.
Best wishes also to Eddie,

Sincerely,

(please, I am very sorry for the English mistakes! I did not want anybody to correct this letter and I want to improve myself alone!)