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Have you ever seen a bird family in your house? It was my interesting experience when a pigeon family came to live in my apartment.

Six months ago, in the balcony of my room, I saw a bird family. The bird couple visited us several times and they decided to live with my family and me. The pigeons like my sister and I a lot because we were so friendly to them and we fed them with rice and bread crumbs.

The birds stayed in a basket were we planted vegetables. One day when I came home from school, I went to the balcony and saw two tiny eggs that the pigeon layed. A couple of weeks later when I returned home from my trip to Danang, the eggs hatched. The two little birds eyes were close and they had only a little bit of feather. They chirped when they were hungry. The birds parents always stayed with their babies to protect them.

A few more days later, the pigeons could open their eyes and they stood up! Everyday, I went to the balcony and looked at the birds. When the mother bird was hungry, the father bird took care of his children. The mother stored the food in her mouth and used the beak to put the food in the baby's mouth. Later on the pigeon could walk in the basket and even outside along the balcony. The birds had much more feather now so they could fly better.

One month later the pigeon was born, they could fly away by themselves. I really miss the birds but the bird parents still visit sometimes. I think they miss us too. Maybe they think we are their family.