

December 21, 1947

Dear Mother and Anne,

And let me say a great
big Thank you for your thank-
giving letter. It meant so much
to me all down and the story
was so nice. I am keeping
it to me every Thanksgiving
as one of your nice contribu-
tions to the days gladness. It said
downed in me when you
lovely cards came today that
and had ^{so} intentional been
the Thanksgiving letter and we

did like it so much. You seem
to realize just what means
the most to us when we
are a long way and realize how
those without love get both better
both of you. You don't seem very
far at all.

for we were
 We are having a holiday from
 classes this coming week.
 Tomorrow, Maryland & plan
 to go to the shopping area. I plan
 to go to take some pictures
 of the Christmas displays. There
 are not many as compared with
 Chicago. Some are nice
 but they are interesting and some are
 very lovely. At eleven &

met with Madame Previa,
a Portuguese missionary to
Angola Luopuluang. She and
I are shopping for a Christmas
party for all the missionaries in
Loboko which is going to be held
at our house, Christmas night.
At 12.30 I have to go to the
dentist's. I got an inflammation
of the gums. It is notching,
however, but he has to give
it some kind of treatment &
I was surprised when I went
to him first, that he spoke such
good English. Come to think of
it he is a Harvard graduate.
We spent 3 years at the dentist's

school there in Boston. He
spent his vacation traveling
from Quebec to Miami and
to Cleveland Ohio. He wrote
a book about his experiences
of various nations he returned
He liked it a lot.
After the dentist - Elaine
is coming back and we shall
have lunch then - she is going
to make some sandwiches
Portuguese French stout for
the party and I am going
to make yeast bread for
the sandwiches. At four
Dickie, Helen and I are
going to take our children

Soe-Christmas party with
-Bertha Peterson's. There
will be fifteen children there
we hope - ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~party~~ ^{party} and
the great impressionable children.
Monday - Christmas -
The Spokes, the sticks and
the Hendersons plan to
let Christmas dinner to
get by. She was planning
to have Sunday Feb 2
another dinner of about
to the night of the program
Hermie and Lorraine. At
the very hour that Hermie
was out, it is thought her contact.
He would be the one who
would be the one who
would be the one who

Let Lorraine's father be
sent perfectly. Her husband
is now a little bit of a
square we are raising a
couple of granite. By that
is meaning Hermie's that
Hermie's more. James
and we have it because
the days are sometimes too
cold here and we have legs
were thinking we could allow
let the more the sent the
Lorraine's more it is.
(The same program
was in a corner. I don't
time to keep me to get
to bed. It will since the

with this space for your
good-night and good-bye
you. Lovingly,
Daddy

P.S. Herman made the travel stop
for your Christmas tree. He cut it
off all alone. I helped him
make the travel stop.
E.O.W.

Dearest & others,

I don't see the travel in here, and
it's too late to save this year anyhow, but
I'll ask Betty about it when I get home.
This is going with the Christmas. Maybe
you'll get it by Christmas Day. It we have
been delayed in sending it the cause of our
plane to take could I our children were

during our vacation period and consequently
have not had time to go to the post office.
I'm writing this in the Post Office at
the P. O. de Comercio in the heart of
the Lower City, Kibera.

We took pictures of our Christmas
activities. I don't know when we'll see
them, as I can't very well give you an
idea when you will have a copy. But
I'll send them to the States soon.

Love to you all. And we could have
celebrated Christmas together in the flesh.
But I'll use that as did in spirit.

Mackie

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 are small & very
 delicate in the
 first days of life.
 The common
 species
 seen at St. Louis de April 119-10.
 Section, Portugal
 December 3, 1947

Dear Mother & Mine,

When I started this letter May and Fernie were sitting on the floor building a truck with some construction blocks that Fernie got from his Christ mass. When I came into the room and stood a minute watching them Fernie said: "don't bother us anymore." Gladie and I ~~was~~ were working.

Before I got the address
I missed the door bell ring
and that was eight hours
ago Now, the boys are
roundly sleeping.

With about Christmas, I
 On Christmas eve we went
 to bed about one thirty.
 We killed the boys' stockings.
 They found a couple of boys' stockings
 because there were longer. We
 put a tampon, a hammer,
 a wheelbarrow and a
 Santa Claus hat in each.
 We also brought some
 some cut into and some
~~some~~ a hat and each of them

a boat which he added.
 Horrie across the lake
 daylight and wanted him
 stopping. He enjoyed every
 minute of it and brought
 it to my feet for me to
 see as he pointed it then
 looked back to see if I saw
 the red eye. Horrie
 across later and when
 he discovered his boat
 he wasn't interested
 in looking at any thing
 else. After breakfast we had
 one tree, a pine tree
 (named in Portuguese).

We decorated it with cotton
 twine, rickles which we
 made from the twine that
 comes around packages of tea
 and chocolate bars. We use
 them for nothing it since we
 came here. We received
 advice money for a Christmas
 gift as I have brought
 much of the same material.
 The boys each a nice pair
 of slippers and the construction
 of shoes. Then the men
 went to church and
 we took over the air
 station - the Henderson
 had arrived by this time.

The last week Turkey for
dinner with sweet potatoes
and creamed onions,
carrut pudding and mince
taste for us and pudding
for the children.
Monday, the last, the
Hudson and Albany
Schooner came at the
Christmas service. They
sang "Every in a manger"
and "Loving One" and the
first Noel "in English".
Bernie is getting fat
but too fat and fat they think
he has less than before
and much energy as he has
to write him.

His study alone
All the children are enjoying
the Christmas story. The
people of the church
are the same as before
but Sunday it was brought
up two girls - see me that night.
They are well and they
like grandpa with the kids.
He thinks to keep down well.
Your Sunday school is doing
very well without any
He thought of strong people
who support themselves
of the way of the mill
beard and so on. Then
He will send them and
He must to his work. I
think kindly everything will

he O.K. this time. My and I heard a wonderful
 common last Sunday - in
 Portuguese. He forgot the
 word listening in a foreign
 language and understood.
 What thrill! and how nice
 to have such an unprepared
 message. For our first to
 really understand
 I had to go to the doctor's
 the other day. He almost
 brought me when I
 said I had lived in
 Brazil. He is a graduate
 of the Harvard Medical
 School. He spent three

years in Canada and
 lived it mostly. He
 was charged at work to
 me that he wrote about
 the experiences of Canada
 - very interesting but I have
 to read it all my leisure.
 It is written and says that
 Portuguese. He says you
 are all well. He and
 Michaela and I
 are with you.

Best,

He says excited to get your
 package, but you can tell me
 that too. Let's a week more
 more than you can know to you.
 He always has the answer if
 you want to know to spend the time.