

When we arrived at our mission station in the morning
boys and girls met us waving banana leaves and
singing first a welcome song and then a praise hymn. Oct 15, 1948

Dear Mum & Olive Francis Ruby & Ralph M.

We have arrived! And what arrival! A week ago today at 8:30 P.M. The Hendersons and their four offspring piled into a compartment of the Leopoldville bound train and began the last lap of our journey from America to Chissamba Angola. We had bought six beds in the sleeper but we had brought so much hand luggage that it occupied two of them. The conductor came to punch our tickets and thought we were many for a small space so he went off and ordered two beds made for the men in another compartment. He didn't charge anything extra for them either. The children thought that going to bed on the train was quite the most exciting lark of all our adventures.

In the morning we went to breakfast in the dining car and were most surprised to be served ham & eggs. About eight-thirty we arrived at Lima which is about fifteen miles from one of our mission stations. The Carl Dilles and Mary Hurburt, missionaries there were at the station to greet us and chat during the fifteen minute stop there. They brought us a big basket of bananas, bags of candy for the kids, magazines and rolls of life savers all precious articles from America (except the bananas). Our next point of interest was Bella Vista near the Pondi mission. There at three o'clock we were greeted by the "Childs" and Harriet Somerville our own missionaries and Mary Mac O'gall, Amy Shaufler from the Canadian mission with whom we worked in this mission. We had met them in Lisbon thirteen months ago. The Collins family (Dr Collins is the head of the Theological seminary here) and Betty Gilchrist daughter of the medical doctor of Pondi also were there. Nancy and Tom Dille's (who are going to the school for missionaries at Pondi) - L. Shaufler. H. - two