

Mission Evangelica do Bailundo
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Dearest Mother,

Our dry season is moving along. We'll soon be thinking about rainy season again. I have been out on field trips since April 29th, and with the exception of two Sundays on the station spent the weekends away from the mission until the final trip, the last Sunday in June. By that time I had gotten so sick that I couldn't travel anymore. I have been on a strict diet for about two weeks now. I think I'm going to recover and be able to eat as usual before passage of too much time, but I ate or drank something traveling which threw my digestion completely off and Dr. Woodman finally gave me tetracycline to lay the bug low. I felt something like having been dragged through a knothole. I shall have to plan next year on a helper for the car who can cook, too, and make sure that he knows how to boil the water well and keep the dishes clean, and not wash them with road dust and water from the ditch. That's what went on the last place I was visiting.

Next year's traveling will be something different in another respect we hope. We are expecting by then to have an audio-visual van to use. Perhaps we won't have all the equipment, but we do expect to have a suburban carry-all to use for a van. Dr. Reuling, who is now somewhere in Africa we think, succeeded in getting a grant for us of \$1,700. Adding this to some already raised brought the total amount we could have to over \$2,000, and there is some more here, enough to make \$2,500 perhaps. This isn't enough to buy the car yet, for it will cost around \$3,500, but we think that in some mission fund there may be enough found to make possible an order which will get the car here before the end of this year.

We are moving to Dondi the first of August. Same address as the boys - Missao do Dondi, C.P. Nr. 28, Bela Vista. We anticipate being settled in time to go to the coast on August 10 for a few days' rest before school opens and we take over as dorm parents. Tommy and Kenny have been saying that they want such and such in their house father and mother. We look forward to being with the youngsters and trust that by one means or another we can keep them happy. We think that the young couple which began the care of the children has done a wonderful job and hope we can do as well.

Do you have clothing to send, not pictures or books? Clothing you can get into a shipment coming here with Dr. Walter Strangway if you send immediately to Boston. Send to the American Board Purchasing Department, Frank A. Stowers, to be included in Strangway shipment. Pictures and books come better by mail. If you get clothing into Boston before the end of July, it should reach us by Strangway's shipment. Anything for Christmas, too.

Everybody else well. Hope you're having a good summer.

Love and a fond embrace, and our prayers for you
always,

Your son,

Jackie