

Missão do Dondi, C. P. 28
Bela Vista, Angola
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Dear Sis,

You'll be so surprised to get a letter from me that you'll not get over it until the next one comes. Your brother has ceased to be any kind of correspondent, let alone a good one. I intended to have a letter at Box 1 by your birthday. Perhaps it will arrive by November 12.

We have had some sickness lately. I guess that when we're busy we write less than when we have sickness though. I have been somewhat under the weather since June, just before school closed. I have done some writing home since then, but have not felt up to getting around in the morning and for a week in June was unable to be out of bed. I have had a medical examination since then, last week as a matter of fact, which showed absolutely nothing. It is rather puzzling of course, and to have something that one cannot track down when he most definitely feels something is rather discouraging. You know what that is like of course, having been through it many more times than I. This is my first. I'm sure this will pass, altho perhaps not until we get away from Angola and on furlough.

Sorry to hear that you have been having allergy troubles, and hope the doctors will find something to help you out.

I am reminded of something now. How many times have I been reminded of something like this? Well, never mind. But Betty and I were thinking this morning as she read over an announcement about Norman Rockwell's School in Westport, Connecticut, that you might very easily get something out of a course with them. We will try to send you one of the coupons from Statepost about the school. But if you looked in a copy of one of the early 1957 issues, you would see the thing yourself.

Well, Betty is down now, too, for a while. Last Friday she got out of bed feeling very lame. When she went to go back to bed, she couldn't because of a slipped disc in her spinal column. Since then she has been flat on her back and the doctors say that they can tell nothing before a week has passed and it may be that she will have to stay in bed two or three weeks, or even longer. Fortunately she is feeling much better and can turn some in bed without feeling the awful pain, can also lie on her side. When you receive this, we shall know what more developments there are, need for X-rays and so on. She is not in the dorm of course. The agricultural teacher and his wife are taking care of our twenty children plus two of their own. Betty is in the home of the evangelist in another section of the mission, as am I, while the children are at the dorm.

Right now we feel the need for the furlough coming up and shall be looking forward to being with you again.

Love and a hug and a kiss, *hacks*