

Perhaps we enjoy them more because they are so much cheaper. Now I wish we could send you a whole stock of them about your flowers! There is one for Ruby and one for Oline. They are all there but you got to cut & sew them. They are folded so as to show you which is the front and the sleeves. They were bought in Madeira and all the embroidery is done by the Madeira Island people. You see a lot of these flowers in Lisbon. There is a package of handkerchiefs for my own use hand done by the Madeira women. You got to leave the curiosity of your grandsons.

For the fact that they were united and separated. Part of the floral decorations for Thanksgiving were wild native orchids just as beautiful as the variety in America but smaller. You can get me thought of you all eating roast pork chicken at Ruby's. Kenneth and Thomas both have been very well since we arrived here. Last week they were both in bed several days with bad colds, of which Tommy's was the worst, but now they are on the mend again, and have only runny noses, which cause us some consternation when we see a stream of mucus coming from each nostril and can't locate one of the handkerchiefs immediately, but otherwise seem to be not too bad. When Dr. Gilchrist of the Canadian mission comes to see us all next week, we can check on the boys tonsils and adenoids once more. Possibly we won't have to have anything by way of operation just yet. But anyhow we'll check.

Betty and I are well. I've tumbled a number of times on my bike. Have also managed to sprain my ankle, and bruised my heel, but otherwise am in good health. The climate seems not to be too bad, although more humid than what we are accustomed to. Temperature runs about eighty during the day and at night drops to somewhere in the sixties. Occasionally nights are quite cool, and always comfortable for sleeping. We don't know yet that we have been bitten at any time by mosquitoes carrying malaria. Perhaps so, but if so, our chloroquine (aralen) and paludrine take care of the sickness. We cannot tell at this point whether we have it or not. The first drug, an American product, just Betty and I are taking now; although we all took it at first, now only the adults are taking it. The second drug, an English one, has no bitter taste like the first, and for this reason we are giving paludrine to the boys and taking the rest of the aralen tablets ourselves. We shall feel very grateful to the researchers in tropical medicine if we find that either or both these drugs keep us from having the disease, or too bad attacks of it.

Now let me leave you for a little. I want to look back over this letter to see what I can add before mail time tomorrow, and also to do something before supper, which is at five tonight, and the time is now four-thirty. I should like to tell you a few more things about us, the people, the country and what we think we may be doing during the next few months. We should make up to you for lost time. Once we have brought you up to date, then we'll get off a weekly short letter to keep you posted week by week at least, but with an occasionally diary style letter so that you may know what an average day is like. You've gotten some of this today. Next week we should be able to get off our Christmas letters, which we shall mimeograph here. We have not finished the writing of the 10th letter yet, and we plan to add personal notes to each one this time.

Dear Mum & Oline

I am wondering how well my letters have been getting through to you. Since arriving in Chicomba I have written eight letters. They are all supposed to have gone air mail. How many have you received and what were the dates. We also sent a letter to you from Lolito. We have a regular American kitchen range in our kitchen and burn wood in it. It is pretty old but still roasts chicken and bakes pie & cakes. We have a brand new one stored in Rondi's he sent to our permanent place of residence when we find out where that is to be. We use kerosene & gasoline in our Coleman pressure lamp & lantern that gives our light at night. The bananas here don't taste any better than the ones we used to get at home.

Yesterday and night from you had with Rachel! I love you. I'm missing you but please as I'm sitting here.