

July 22, 1953

Dear Folks,

I hope that you have gotten our letters from Matadi and from Lobito by now. We arrived here in Bailundo last Monday afternoon. Max and the boys went on to Dondi to arrange for our luggage and freight to be brought from there to here. It will come to Dondi from Lobito by train.

The girls and I are staying with the Okumas until we can get settled in our own house. Life will be an awful lot easier here. The Vila is only two kilometers away. There is a meat market there and all kinds of staples.

I love the house. It is more the cottage type and as such much more in keeping with the life of a missionary. We are all well but Susie. She has a bit of fever. But seems much better this afternoon.

On this station there are two other houses. The Okumas have three children. The two girls are four and five. They and Susan have already become great pals. David is three. I think that as soon as Patty gets over her shyness, they will be good friends too.

Now how is my Ralph. The children talk about you all. What a grande time we will have when we all get together again. And how the time is going to fly. It does not seem possible that it was over a month ago that we left home.

O yes the third house is the home of Harriet Somerville and the Portuguese teacher. You see we are quite a little colony. The Africans here have greeted us so nicely. We are very happy.

Mum, how about your inheritance? Is it all coming along O. K. As soon as Max gets back we shall be able to investigate our situation and give you a definite clue as to our financial wealth and as to how much you can expect from your African hoodlums each month.

Mum you know we love you an awful lot and there are no words to tell you how much you helped us. Everyone who has a daughter has wanted the pattern for the green dress that you made for Susan.

Olive how did your curtains go? Did you ever get caught up?

Ruby and Francis I wouldn't mind helping you tread hay this afternoon if you haven't it all in. We did have fun didn't we.

*for all Betty*

*Love from all of us all from God bless*