

Before I forget it let me tell you that the package of pictures, in which we found two boxes of lovely Crayolas, had arrived before us in Chissamba last week. The boys have already used them considerably but with care. They are growing up these days in some respects, altho it seems as if that in other respects they are backward. Tommy has some knack for drawing I think. We'll show you some of his work soon. I have one sheet of paper now, but want Mummy to see what her boy has done while she has been away.

You speak of warmer weather on the way at home. Here in the planalto of Angola, the plateau, the weather has changed considerably since five weeks ago. The rains have come to an end. The earth is quite dry now and will be much, much drier we understand. The flowers have gone from our lawn. During the day the sun becomes a huge ball of heat. I have not yet checked with the thermometer, and it may be that the temperatures are no higher in the middle of the day than during the rainy season, but certainly it seems much hotter than during the wet season. The nights, however, are cold. Instead of one blanket for a cover we now have two, also the boys. We wonder how the poor African with his one cover or less ever stands it, and I would guess that some of the people do not get along well during the dry season cold. We'll doubtless think about this matter considerably during the next few years, and wondering what can be done about it by interested persons.

You wrote saying that you had received a personal letter from Dr. Reuling. He was at annual meeting. Wednesday of the second week he left by plane for home. Since we was to stop over in Lisbon, however, I believe that he will not yet have reached America. Tuesday of last week he went down to Galangue to look at what will be our work. I found out what the place looks like and have some idea what to do when we reach there. Mr. McDowell also went along, and we took Sam and Mrs. Coles back. There is no car at the station now because the one which was there burned just several weeks ago. We're hoping that there will be a Chevrolet van available in a few weeks in Luanda. The mission had one other car, but it has been in the repair shop in Nova Lisboa for about a year and a half, and is now going to be sold for junk because of the high cost of repair. It costs as much out here to repair a car in poor condition as it does to buy a new one at home. It would have cost about \$1200 to repair the car in the shop at Nova Lisboa. A new one, on the other hand, costs plenty, but one gets more for his money. The new one expected will cost about \$2600, but we shall have to have something since the mission is 85 miles from the nearest railroad.

Say, those pictures you will receive won't all be good I know because I've had a report on some others taken with the same kind of filter. I was using a red filter in the wrong place, consequently have spoiled a good number of outside shots. The inside ones taken by flash should be all right, however. We'll try to make up by sending some more after we reach Missão de Bunjei. One other thing we'll do is to arrange that you may see other pictures which we have sent to Boston. These must be returned to Boston most likely. But it would be nice would it not to have a set of the work here to see and to see us in the meantime

One more piece of business before I sign off. I'm afraid this is a hodgepodge today and not up to my ability. Your Christmas letter, and I'm ashamed to have to tell you, was not sent. And now I don't know whether we sent one to Ruby and Francis or not. So we're sending one today.

Your latest letter was written May 1, mailed May 2, received here today, at a total travel time of 11 days. Well, we probably cannot hope for such service when we reach Galangue because of the distance from the railroad.

We'll let you know whether your dream comes true or not as soon as the baby comes.

Our love to you all, and God's blessing, Jack