

Dondi, Bela Vista  
June 23, 1952

Dearest Mother,

We have just gotten Olive's letter of June 4th, and we know that you must be wondering whether we are or are not on the way. I don't know whether we have written anything lately or not because of what has been happening here. This letter should reach you in time to give you an idea when to expect word from us from a little closer home.

We are now in Bela Vista because Betty came down with a severe attack of malaria. I thought that perhaps we could go home today, but the nurses say "no". So I'll use the time for writing letters and clearing up last minute things here.

We are all here except Patricia. We left her at the mission because the trip up from Galangue to Bela Vista is not an easy one. Our other missionary on the station, Lois King, is taking care of Tricia while we must be up here. We arrived here last Thursday, the 19th. Betty came down with fever while I was out in the villages for a final look at the work. She finally got to feeling so mean, with a very sore mouth, that we decided to come to Dondi hospital. She has improved a lot, but yesterday still had a temp, so we probably shan't get home until tomorrow at the earliest.

But we are sure that she will be all right to travel. Our plans are to leave Nova Lisboa by plane on July 11th. We fly first to Luanda. From there we go to Leopoldville, then to Lisbon and then Boston. We expect to arrive in Boston on July 18th. We had originally planned to come by boat, leaving Lobito on the 7th of this month. But to date we have not heard from the steamship company about passage, and we find that there were no places on the boat anyhow. Other missionaries who wanted to go on the same boat, the "Patria" finally flew. We shall be coming by Pan American Airways.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Lot of love  
and God be with you, *Tracie*