

Catholic Church
Maigo, Llanos del Norte
Mindanao, P. I.
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Dear Alig, Maurice & Phil,

My sincere thanks for your
Christmas Greetings and the donations you sent to Omaha.
It sure takes me a time to get around to writing, doesn't
it! However, my thoughts & prayers stay your way much
more often than my letters.

I was glad to hear that you were all doing so well
and able to least bask the troubles of this life - may God
continue to bless you.

We had a terrible rainy season this year - not such a
terrific amount of rain, but steady, one week after the other with
dark skies and much wind, which makes life miserable.
Even today - though there is no rain or wind (which is some help)
it is dark and - for me - miserable! At least it is warmer
again - not that it ever goes below the 70's, but wind & rain
can make it feel cold. Surely, the worst is over!

From what I hear - and it is probably a little less than reality -
the mother is not doing too well. However, I am going to Manila
Monday (11th) for a check-up and I will call Marie and
will then know better.

According to what I hear, I may decide to go home soon. I am not due until November '74 and if a new regulation that is now under consideration (4 yrs & 4 mos. here and then 8 mos. vacation) is passed I ordinarily would wait for a year from now. It will be 60 next January - so there cannot be very many more 4 yrs. anyway. I do not know what I would do in the States. It will take a while to adjust to anything more permanent than a vacation after working here since the end of 1950. Say a prayer that everything will turn out for the best.

Again my thanks and I don't think it is too early to add - Happy Easter!

Sincerely,
Fr. Bill Smith