

967 Singalong
Manila - Jan. 2, 1954

Dear Alice & Maurice:

I guess it is about time I got around to writing you. For the past few weeks I have been in sick-bay. Five or six months ago I picked up a skin disease but it never developed too seriously. Very inconvenient at times when it would break out on my hands or feet but not enough to lay me up. Early in December it got so I couldn't go to the barrios and finally a bad one came out on my right hand. The Boss suggested I fly up to a house a place called Del Monte and rest for a week. That way I might be in condition for Christmas. Just about then we hit some heavy rains and the field was flooded that no planes could land or take off. I was miserable decided to come to Manila and forget about being Christmas. I took a boat out of Misamis for Cebu and there. Went into hospital here and received shots and ultra-violet treatment and a diet. It cleared up and I got out Christmas Eve. Only a few scars left and I am in good condition and enjoying my work.

Received your letter of Nov. before I left and the messes. Today I received a money order for \$30.00 (\$15.00, wanted to let you know they would be taken care of. Many thanks for thinking of me. Also, before I left I had a nice card from Kay and family and a beautiful "Christmas Story" about \$156.00. That was wonderful news and my sincere thanks to Kay and yourselves and all who worked on the project. It was a wonderful surprise! I have been waiting for her letter and check to arrive and then I will write a letter of "thank you" to all concerned. In
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the meantime you can let her know how delighted and thrilled I was. The letter may be in Kapatagan now. Just one little thing. Whenever you have money for me it would be much better if you would send it to St. Columban, Nebraska and tell them to credit it to my account. When you send it here I have to collect it in pesos. If it is there and I need school books or anything - from the States, I can order it thru Omaha and have them pay the bill for me. You would send me a letter saying that you have sent so much to Omaha

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and what it is for - and if masses, giving me the list. It is easier for you and safer too. If I need it here I can collect it in pesos because a record of my account in Omaha is also known here. Once again, my many thanks for everything and a Happy New Year to you all. Love
Fr. Bill