



can pick out something I need within their budget. Many find that more satisfying than sending money. If you find anyone with any particular item they wish to send - even if it is a duplicate - it will be most welcome. You can find use for two or three of anything, especially for the altar and I plan on two little side altars. More than one set of vestments comes in very handy when - say at Fiesta time - you have visiting priests. Anyone that wishes to just give the money to help with the expenses of building the convento and church will also be taking care of a great need. I mention all these things so that you will know that anything that is done or given will be most welcome and greatly appreciated. If you will send me the names and addresses of anyone that helps you in this work it will be a labor of love for me to drop them a line. The reason that I mention so many and various things is that you may know, or have a friend that knows, someone in that line who can get a good price on the thing. Happy hunting and my deepest gratitude for your help. There is quite a jump between this work and my little pleasure jaunts to San Francisco when the only effort I had to expend there was in tangling up my feet trying to do an Irish set. However, that was fun too, and I'll be back in about six years or so to kick the sides out of someone's house just to prove I still don't know the steps.

I am glad to hear Thomas Patrick is doing so well. Does he have an ear for music yet? He'll never get along with your crowd unless he develops one soon. Better get him a little "squeeze box" and teach him some of those blood curdling songs that scared the wits out of the "invaders". Incidentally, they rather had me worried about eleven o'clock when the party got going a bit strong and I wasn't so sure whether the boys went then or not. There were times when I wondered how my head would look on the end of a pike staff at the rising of the moon!

Well, I have a lot of work staring me in the face so I had better bring this epistle to a close. Once again, many thanks for your letter, the work you are planning to do and the money orders. Rest assured that the masses will be said as soon as possible. Excuse my writing on both sides of the paper but I want to send this air mail and have to keep it as light as possible. I am inclosing a picture I took of my benefice. About the best thing in it is the air conditioning. (That's a joke, son!)

My best regards to the Young's, McLoughlins, Pat & Cecelia, Al cot's sister and her happy brood and all the old friends in the City.

Sincerely,

Fr. *John Bice*



Front view of the "Lord's House" in Kapatgan



Side view - showing to advantage the air conditioning!



The gang & I



That's me on the right. (not sure of his word) "Caring" - but I'm taking no chances!



The dining room. The table stands in cans of water & kerosene to keep from the ants. It doesn't always work - so the bread stands in a jar sitting in a pan of water.