

Borneo Bulletin

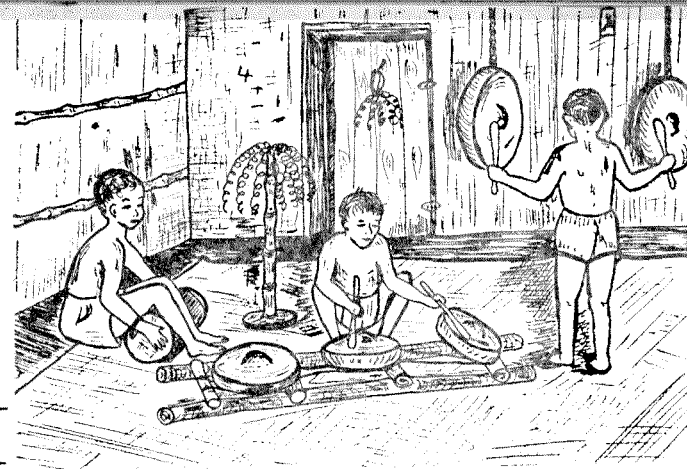
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Dear Friend:

Furlough time is a time of renewing acquaintances, of telling you what God has done in answer to your prayers, and also a time of preparation for further service.

It's fun to visit you all again. It does not seem like almost five years since last we saw you. We have been overwhelmed by the good hospitality which you offer us as we come to see you. In fact, we have so many invitations to come for supper here and there that we don't know how we can fit them all in. This kindness which you all show us makes our furlough a refreshing time indeed.

Nothing can compare with the joy which is ours in telling you, both in meetings and also in conversation, of the great work that God is doing in Borneo. We know you are thrilled with us to know that God has answered your prayers. Some of you have prayed for us without even knowing who we were. After introducing ourselves to someone in a Church not so long ago, a dear praying man remarked, "So you are the Elmer and Ruth for whom I have been praying all this time." Yes, souls have been saved in Borneo and are being saved even now because some here at home are willing to stand behind us as we and others give forth God's word.

May we tell you that just today we received letters from some of our dear converts in Borneo. They mention their Christmas feast, their meetings, of leading others to Christ, and also how they go out to other longhouses on Wednesdays and some week-ends. They all ask for prayer and say, "The devil is tempting us very much these days." Then, also they request that we come back very soon. Dear prayer warriors, we need to pray much for the native Church in Borneo. Satan would love to have them and sift them as wheat.

Soon we shall wend our way back to these dear ones again. We are beginning now to prepare to leave sometime in May. It always seems to take so much to prepare again for another term of service. You see, much of our previous outfit rotted or rusted in our very humid climate; thus we are faced with many new purchases as we return. The cost of it all seems high; but isn't it worth it all when we remember we are working together, both to win the lost and to build up these new believers in the faith? Hundreds of native Christians are eagerly waiting.

We want you behind us again as we go forth. Please do not fail in this task of winning these dear Dyaks. Loren, Janet, and Ellen have enjoyed this time of furlough so much that recently, after a Christmas celebration in Montana, one of them remarked, "I don't think that I want to go back to Borneo again because we don't have such nice times there." Please pray for our dear children too.

Pray that God will equip us spiritually, sustain us in health, provide all our needs, and continue to save many more Dyaks in Borneo.

Still happy in His service,
The WARKENTINS