



REGIONS BEYOND MISSIONARY UNION

The Elmer Warkentins

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FROM THE WARKENTINS

TO OUR FRIENDS

A BLESSED, CHRIST-HONORING CHRISTMAS!!

We are anticipating one. God has been so good, we just have to tell you all how wonderful it is to "be a family again" (as one of the children prays) after two years' separation. How thankful we are too, to Al and Lee McVety for caring for them so lovingly. The Lord bless them in their new ministry in Edmonton.

Events have piled on us in such rapid succession that time has flown by unnoticed. There was mother's long-awaited trip to Singapore to meet our three teen-agers. Dad met us coming back, on the Honda, and were we glad, for even then it was a major move to get home. Our reunion was worth it all, though we had already talked a lot as we walked the 25-mile final stretch home. The boys are still in the clouds listening to all the lively chatter.

Hauling our baggage up by bike (it is rainy season) was no easy task, and only the day before YP Conference did all the correspondence courses arrive.

Mixing with the YP, as the language returned quickly, our three really enjoyed those few days with the 500 who gathered here from all the churches. The blessing of the Lord was rich among us, and many testified to a renewing of love to Christ. How good to see some stand and give public testimony for the first time.

After graduation on Sunday, September 22, we settled down to studies. Grappling with high school courses is no easy matter, and we have already had our ups and downs. Please remember the children in prayer. Both they and we want it this way this year, for our only other choice was to leave Bible School short-staffed.

The churches are now practicing their Christmas Programs with fervor. And then the event we look forward to is Missionary Conference, starting December 31. This has always been an exciting time for MK's, as they so seldom see each other. Names have been exchanged as this is our Christmas too. Now the children are asking, "Where does one buy gifts in this jungle?"

Bible School opens again after Christmas, and this compound will buzz with activity anew. (Not that it is ever quiet.) We are trusting and praying that this year the Chinese will be allowed to return. Our local government official has been replaced by a Christian man, for whom we ask much prayer, that he might be enabled to live a good testimony here. He has promised to do all he can to help the students' return. Already we have too many applications from Dayak areas, and will have to reject some.

Again we want you to know how we do appreciate and feel the much prayer on behalf of the Lord's work here. Our faithful supporters have been a real encouragement to us, many by letters, too.

One request: the new regulation of 200% tax hit us all heavily. The new truck is detained in San Fran., the food order and Hondas (one for us), almost our only contact with the outside world, are in customs in Pontianak. We really need all these things, and soon. Join us in prayer. . . . Luke 1:37.

Rejoicing in His Enabling,

Elmer & Ruth

Elmer and Ruth and the "5"

P.S. PRAISE THE LORD! Mr. Goodman was able to get our food orders through without duty, after a trip to Djakarta. So we can have them before Christmas.