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Letter from Fr. Leonard Amrhein to Catherine Amrhein, Al, and Tom

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Mar. 12, 1946

Dear Mom-Al-Tom,

I hope this letter will reach you around Easter, so I'll wish you and everybody at home the greetings of the season. I hope all of you have a Happy and Blessed Easter - and don't get sick from eating too many Easter eggs.

How is everybody at home? I haven't heard from home since the first letter Tom wrote last September. Maybe some letters got lost or on the way. I hope there are some on the way. I am anxious to know what is going on at home.

I shouldn't complain about not received mail from home. It is about two and a half months since I wrote myself. During that time I was in full charge of one of our missions for about five weeks. The pastor had to go away on business. Believe me, you ~~who~~ sure can do things when you have to. I had to get my Sunday sermon even though it took me all week of hard work to do it. Luckily, this was not a busy season for our missions. So there wasn't much else to do. It was a good experience and I liked it a lot.

Now I am back at the hospital in Yuarling. I am chaplain now. - I was before, but now I think it is a permanent appointment. Fr. William is Superintendent of Schools, with headquarters in Yuarling. Fr. Veneed is assistant in Chikkiang. He do not know whether these appointments are permanent or not. Our Bishop is not at home and some other missionaries

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are on their way back from the States. There might be some more changes when they arrive.

I like this missionary life a lot. There is lots of work to do over here. It is slow and tedious. The biggest difficulty is the language. If we had a good command of the language, it would help us an awful lot. That is where you all can help us - by praying that we acquire a usable knowledge of this lingo. And also that God will bless our missionary endeavors. Now district there are about five and a half millions people. About three or four thousands are Catholic. So you see what is ahead of us.

Well, here's hoping this letter finds everybody well
and happy at home. I hope I hear from you soon.

As ever,

Leonard.

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