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

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Church of Christ the King,
Haukei Kuan Chuang,
Dec. 30, 1947.

Dear Mom-Al-Pom,

Now that Christmas is over,
I guess I can start writing my Christmas mail.
I'm awfully sorry I didn't write home for
Christmas. It's no use giving excuses because
that was inexcusable. All I'll say is that it
won't happen again.

I hope all of you had a very
happy and blessed Christmas. I said Mass for
all of you and your intentions on Christmas.
And I thought of you frequently on the Feast -
and my not writing for Christmas.

And I hope you have a very
happy New Year. I hope before the new year is very
old, that I'll be seeing you. There still is no
definite news about our going home. The Bishop
is quoted as having said: No one goes home until
Fr. Bonaventure and Francis return. I understand
they are on their way now. Supposed to have left
the East Coast before Christmas. But this is not
official. We are very short of priests over here.
And we cannot pull out tell someone returns
to fill in the vacancies. So just keep praying
and be patient - Me too.

Mom's card and Pom's card and
letter and the check from "Mom-Al-Pom & Mr. Hallia"
arrived today. Many, many thanks everybody for
this Christmas gift. Also thank Mr. Hallia for me. I'll
drop him a line in just a soon.

I guess Tom & I are having a "holding out" contest - see you can hold out the longest without writing. Only Tom you have an excuse. I might have been on my way and - loves labor lost.

About that box of altar linens, address it to me and send it to Yvanling. If it hasn't arrived when we are ready to leave, I'll leave word to have it sent to Mukhi Mission. Most likely it will arrive after we are gone. But one can never tell.

How are you, Mom? How's your coming? Take it easy. I know it won't be so easy for you to take it easy. You have been active all your life. But try it anyhow and rest yourself.

Everything is going fine here in Mukhi. Had a nice crowd at Mass for Christmas. About 110 Communion. - including the inmates. That's pretty good in case you don't know it.

My new mission is making haste slowly - I hope. I have a new place for a chapel now and the people like it better. I have a musical school every Sunday afternoon, - Victrola and foreign records. First music, then doctrine by my catechist, then more music. Lots of kids come. Maybe later the adults will come too.

And tell Frank I received his present sometime before Christmas. Many many thanks. I intend to write to him soon. In the meantime I want to thank him and let him know how much I appreciate his kindness.

Hope everybody at home is well. And hope everybody has a happy and prosperous new year.

Asking God's blessings on all of you always, I am

As ever and always,

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