

The girls pounded the corn which the missionaries provided, boys attended to the cooking of the meat, and the girls to making of the mush, and they arranged things to suit themselves, borrowing what they wanted from their teachers in way of tables, cloth, spoons, etc. Of course, the young men boys ate in one room, the girls in another. Our children pulled up their stockings for the first time, and had many little shoes. Each received a piece of trade cloth and a bright red table handkerchief. They all had fine fun dressing up like natives carrying their dolls on their backs, and wearing the handkerchiefs in every possible way on their heads. All the missionary folk had dinner at Mr. Woodside's. The children sat at a table, using the dishes you sent our children, for tiny sweet etc. In the evening we entertained all our young people. A donkey was drawn on a black board, and we had much fun trying to pin his tail on. At the close of our party, peanuts, orange cake and honey taffy (which some boys helped to pull), were handed round. Don't you think we had a fine Christmas? Thank you for the things sent in the boxes. The quilt went once to Lizzie's bed. Arthur has the second quilt, and the other one will be re-covered with pieces you sent. It will then be a fine, big, warm one for three or four young girls.

"The Umbundu text cards are very nice; it is a fine idea to decorate plain cards with pictures. The writing is very plain. The mounted pictures will be kept chiefly for the new home the boys have built and into which they will move in a few months. The scrap books are reserved for Sundays, the other ones doing service for every day. The patch work will come in nicely. Two evenings a week the girls come to me after school to sew. I shall now be able to give them each a strip of "woman's land" patches, which will please them greatly. Our family are going for two picnics during this dry season, lasting about a fortnight, to Kamundongo, to attend the annual meeting, and the other about a month long, to a large village about twenty-five miles away. We will have our camp beside a good-sized river and close to some pretty rapids, far enough away from the village to be quiet, yet near enough to have the villagers come to us. We anticipate a good rest and cheer, and hope to be able to tell many people about Jesus. It will be preparing the ground for what we hope will some day be a 'garden of the Lord.'

"We trust you will have a happy time during the summer holidays and tell lots of other boys and girls all you know about the missions."

Your affectionate friend,

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