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Sunday - Feb. 13

Dearest Mother & Dad -

A letter came from Mother yesterday, but it sounds as though my mail either isn't going through - or is very slow. You certainly should have heard from me long before this.

I took Abiodun home Tuesday afternoon. I trust you have heard by this time of my having her. Mrs. Ajo went home Wednesday evening. They both seem to be coming along OK.

Thursday we had two missionaries from the C.M.S. (Anglican Church) to come visit us. They had some work to do here, and as there isn't much choice of a place to stay, they stayed with us until Saturday. We enjoyed having them, but it kept us pretty busy.

I do wish you could see Chip. He is lovely since his hair has come back. He's full grown, and stands less than a foot high. He really is cute, and I thoroughly enjoy him. He won't show up in a picture because he's all white, but he really has plenty of sense.

The harmattan has been something awful for over a week now, much worse than last year. Everyone says she has never seen it so bad. You can't see any distance for dust,

and our skin, throats, noses, etc. are so dry, you wonder sometimes how long it can go on like this. It gets very cold at nights so you need a blanket, and so hot during the day you all but melt. A heavy harmatan is supposed to be a sign of heavy rains to come. I hope that is true. We are getting some water out here now, but we are very short.

While I think of it, if the W.M.S. would like to send flower & vegetable seed of <u>all</u> kinds they would be <u>most</u> acceptable. They should be sent soon, however, as they should be planted around the first of April.

Love —
Ernelle

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