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S. S. "Gripsholm", August 9, 1942

The Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

Your missionaries, whose names appear below, travelling home upon the steamship "Gripsholm", are sending this word of greeting from Rio de Janeiro, to you who have done so very much for us at the home base.

Among your many other kindnesses, we wish to send our sincere thanks for your informing our friends and relatives of our repatriation by this steamer. We received many welcome messages at Lourenco Marques, and are grateful, not alone to the writers of the letters, but also to you who made this pleasure and help possible.

During the four days spent at Lourenco Marques, we were given much happiness, and insight into African missionary life and work, through the coming to Lourenco Marques, of the Rev. C. E. Fuller, our Methodist missionary at Inhambane. Not only was he delightfully companionable, and the cheerful answerer of questions simply without number, but he arranged it so that a group of our missionaries might attend an African feast and informal religious conference afterward; that a still larger group could go on a country expedition and see something of native life; and that all might attend a Sunday afternoon service of the native Christians, where several of the visiting missionaries spoke through an interpreter; and all entered into a season of cordial fellowship in the Lord. This made our short visit to Africa one never to be forgotten.

The group wish to report themselves one and all as in good health, and to assure you of their eagerness to cooperate with the Board's plans in any way they can.

Yours gratefully,  
In His service,

Roy Smith  
William R. Johnson  
Edith Fredericks  
Jessie L. Wolcott  
Harriet L. Whitmer  
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/Signed/

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