



(all 49 lbs
of me.)
I told you I was old, now
you can see just how old!

This background leaves
much to be desired, eh?

This was at a Christmas
party in a friend's home.

12/28/97

(Jolann is my only daughter.)

7/17/97

Dear Linda, (Dearest)

Your lovely letter was a blessing to me. I've read and reread it many times. I am so thrilled that your hearts are turned toward Vietnam - and I pray that God will give you insight and wisdom to know His way and to do it.

God always has a prepared place for a prepared individual. so I'm pleased that you are endeavoring to be that "prepared person".

The news about the "Vets with a mission" is so great. So glad that at least a "window" is open into Vietnam - I look forward to the day when the door swings open for the missionaries to return with the good news of the gospel message.

This evening the family watched

and old movie entitled "Through Gates
of Splendor" - and how the Lord used
what the world might call a
'disaster' to eventually open the door
to an untracked tribe. (God has
His way in the whirlwind and the
storm - and the clouds are the dust
of His Feet)

You make me wish I were young
again, standing where you are
standing now with a vision such as
you have, waiting for it to be fulfilled.
Wonderful!!

But I'm getting older by the minute!
Someone asked me what I do for
recreation and I said, "Going to the
doctor" He! The last few months
have been a bit difficult - but when
you are 87 you can't fool yourself into
believing you are still 20! eh? So
I take it all in my stride! wasn't

it Browning who said; "The best is yet to come!"?

The Lord has been so good to me to put me with my family who take care of my every need:-
Fortunately my mind still goes a "mile a minute" - and I was delighted to learn that the "Mature Living" magazine accepted and will be publishing the article in the Feb issue (PS also gave me 75⁰⁰ for the article) Who says life is over at 81?

My family will be going on vacation to Cape May next week - so I'll be "Lord of the Manor" - taking care of our dear old dog, two cats, eight tropical fish and a bird!

It very hot and humid here with an occasional thunder and lightning storm which sends our dog for cover!

we found ^{him} once in the bathtub behind the
shower curtain!

your life seems full and rewarding
I was pleased to learn that you have
a diploma in "midwifery". No doubt you
have read our Helen's account (book) of "The
Joy of Natural Child-birth". This could
surely be a big boost in your work
in Vietnam.

I shall be praying for open doors
and for blessings on you and yours.

Love You

Ina

12/8/97

Dear Linda,

It seems as if I am not letting you catch your breath between my letters but I did want to slip a ~~in~~ in with your Christmas card.

I am so happy to hear of your good news. Things do look promising eh? As you follow the Lord's leading He will supply each step of the way equipping you with His wisdom and a deep down peace that helps to balance out the fears of the unknown way ahead. I am really excited for you. Your letter was such a thrilling joy to me. My heart was "quickened" and blessed by your steadfast walk into God's purpose and plan for you and yours as I see you moving forward!

My "going places and doing things" has become a bit limited. I just finished a series of tests which confirmed the fact that I do have a bit of a problem with my heart. But who at 81 years of age doesn't have a problem somewhere or other?

So I did an in-depth study of the "heart" so that I would know what really was happening. I was amazed and in awe as I learned more of the intricate function of this marvelous mechanism we call "heart". Our God is a great God to have fashioned such mechanism working all parts

together to keep me alive! (Psalm 139:14)

So while I am now limited in my going places and doing things I am learning that my prayers can, I trust, be sending others out "going places and doing things" — and I'll be going with you to Vietnam!!

But I am very contented and tremendously ^{blessed} — The Lord has truly blessed — never failed!

I love the Christmas Season. My granddaughters (13 & 15) decorated the tree. It looks so cozy — and the lighted candles at night make it look so festive! Christmas is a promise kept! Just so will His promise of the second coming of Christ be kept. A blessed hope! (altho my granddaughters who is 15 says she hopes she can live her life before that happens! Ha — that is youth!)

Yes, isn't it strange that here I am — unknown to you writing to you so many miles away — and yet our hearts are joined together because of our love for Vietnam and its people?

So have a blessed Christmas and may the New Year see God's plan and purpose for your lives unfold with joy.

Love you
Loa