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Dear Cecilia and Friends at Holy Innocents,

I hope you are all well. Thank you for circulating the Newsletter, with the addition of several pictures. I am very grateful. By the way, the picture taken at the front of the Church included Sr Maureen of the OLA Sisters, who arrived at the beginning of last year: the children have joined the Society of the Holy Childhood.



The news of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, has captured the attention of millions of people around the world. I have been following the news on the BBC overseas service, including the Queen's final journey from Balmoral Castle to Edinburgh. May she rest in peace.

Although I was only 8½ years old at the time, I still remember the headmaster entering our classroom in February 1952, informing us that King George VI had died. Now with the passing of Queen Elizabeth, the United Kingdom enters a new era.

At present, our six students, who are attending Bomi Community College, are on vacation.

But last week marked the opening of the Stella Maris Catholic University in Monrovia, where we have four students, presently. Nicholas, Sumo and Samuel are studying civil engineering while Rebecca is reading Environmental Science.

Today, is the beginning of the Academic Year for schools: so, I was in Monrovia last week obtaining uniforms and text books for three of our students whom friends are sponsoring, at St Dominic's.

This Wet Season, which started at the beginning of May, has been exceptionally severe, this year. Only, in the past few days is the weather showing signs of changing. But we tend now to have one warm sunny day, followed by heavy downpours of rain during the night, when the temperature may dip to 23°: this is rather chilly for me. As a result, and with the dampish air, I have a heavy cold: as I write this, I am sipping a mug of hot water with crushed ginger and lime from our garden!

Tomorrow morning, I'll be taking two patients to the Catholic Hospital in Monrovia. One young man woke up to realise that he had no feeling in his hands and feet. Another was sent to a medicine man in the bush, following some kind of unexplained sickness. The patient came to see me several days ago, not looking at all well. I am praying that our kind of treatment, may help him.

That's all the news for now,

With kindest regards      Fr. Garry