

January 11, 1956 - 9:30 p.m.  
Shell Mera

Mother and Daddy dear:

Just a wee note before the big plan takes off for Panama. I want you to know that your prayers are being answered moment by moment as regard to me- I am ever so conscious of the Everlasting Arms. As yet we know only that two bodies have been sighted from the air but not identified.

Sam Saint tells me you heard the news through the Embassy and Clyde Taylor. I'm glad.

The Army, Navy, and Air Force Rescue Squads are here now. I came out to Shell on Tuesday as soon as possible.

The Lord is standing by all us wives wonderfully - remember that the Lord emphasized to me a long time ago - when (not if) thou passest thro' the waters...And He is fulfilling His word.

Jim was confident, as was I, of God's leading. There are no regrets.

Nothing was more burning in his heard than that Christ should be named among the Aucas. By life or death...and may God get glory to Himself!

Pray that whatever the outcome, I may learn the lessons needful - oh, I want to serve the Lord in the future, so pray for His continued grace and guidance. I have no idea what I will do if Jim is dead, but the Lord knows, and I am at rest.

A helicopter will be ready for take - off at dawn tomorrow. A land expedition is on the way, equipped with radio. Three big aircraft, and our little plane, will all be going out to the site of the incident. We hope for final word tomorrow and trust our loving Father who never wastes anything.

All my love,

Betty