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Dear Mrs. Harvey,

Thank you for your warm letter. It is good to know that, indeed, there are still people who care whether our world goes. I fear that good, old-fashioned concern for one's fellow man is going the way of the dodo and the dinosaur....

I honestly wish I could say, "Having a wonderful time, wish you were here," but to tell the truth, the weather here in the highlands has been beastly. Now, at mid-day, the temperature is  $111^{\circ}$ ; last night at 0300 it was  $34^{\circ}$ . One becomes acclimated

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to the heat, and as a result  
one freezes in the slightest  
chill.

There are bright spots,  
however; no rain, a wonder-  
fully cool, deep swimming hole,  
a little lull in the fighting.  
And Uncle Sam is taking better  
and better care of us -- we  
even have had ice cream  
a couple of times.

You asked how you could  
do something to help these people.  
This presents a problem. You  
have heard of the Oriental  
concept of "face"? An exaggerated  
sort of pride? These people  
are terribly conscious of it.  
Really, the only thing to do  
is help the children; they  
will mature to be the adult

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generation in the future,  
and educating, medicating,  
and feeding them is the  
best solution in the long  
run. Besides, anyone over  
here who cannot take care  
of himself at least minimally  
has died young anyway...

it is the children who are of  
primary importance, and through  
them, the older generations.  
And of course, all future  
generation.

There are numerous  
ways to go about it, but  
I enclose a pamphlet on the  
way I've found best; I have  
two "adopted" Vietnamese  
children. Perhaps you  
would care at least to

read this booklet, and ultimately  
 maybe start a "Foster Parent"  
 group within your neighborhood  
 or the church to adopt one or  
 more children... I warn  
 you, it can be bothersome--  
 but the rewards make up  
 for it. You should see the  
 card little Mai sent me for  
 Christmas... and she's a Buddhist,  
 I believe.

Sincerely yours,  
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