

Seasonal Greetings

Happy Xmas
and a victorious
New Year.
Lots of love
Liz xxx

A watermark logo for the UKZN Gandhi Centre is visible in the background. It features a stylized figure of Mahatma Gandhi with a turban and a staff, set against a circular background with a sun and waves. The text 'UKZN Gandhi Centre Documentation Centre' is overlaid on the logo.

Dear Phyllis,

I don't know whether this is going to get to you, I feel a bit unsettled as to where you are, I guess because I don't know and I worry when I haven't heard from you. If this does get to you, know that you are in my thoughts.

As for me, I am beginning the process of finding a new adventure. I've sent out some letters of inquiry for work overseas many of them in the direction of Southern Africa. I also have been inquiring into the possibility of going to midwifery school in the U.K. It certainly would be helpful to have that training for the long-term work I would like to be able to do. All of this geared to a departure from San Francisco and the U.S. after the first of the year.

When is Jim going back to England for schooling?

I'm afraid there is no good news to report of Jim and me. He feels that he can not communicate with me now and I think probably for a long time. I do hope someday he will understand how important children are to me and understand my actions. His friendship is so dear to me as is yours. Do let me hear from you if possible.

All my love,
hiz

Dear Phyllis,

I'm sorry I've waited so long to write. I guess it has taken me this long to settle down from the lovely holiday Jim & I have had and of course, having Jim with me again.

Let me first say how much your nice letters that Jim brought meant to me and the AC's and the lovely photos. We shared all of this with Rebecca and had a lovely visit with her. She is quite well, enjoying the excitement and activity of Mexico City and of course, is enjoying being with Tom. They live in a flat with 5 others from various places all politically progressive which makes for congenial living and stimulating conversation. It was wonderful for me to be with a close friend again so of course, we shared that old fun, comfortable "girl talk".

As for our holiday, it was wonderful.

New Zealand was beautiful with its peaceful green rolling hills and snow covered mountain tops, great for a romantic rendezvous, however I think a little too rural for a long time stay. Well Michael we loved Queenstown.

The islands we visited in the South Seas were also great but perhaps a little isolated. All in all we had a beautiful time together reacquainting ourselves without any outside demands.

Now we are back breaking into a normal routine; Jim is doing substitute teaching and I my nursing. The first of February school starts up again so I shall give that priority in addition to the Southern Africa work.

Speaking of school, how does Sukshin enjoy her studies and new lifestyle in London? It must be a little strange for you to not have her around.

Phyllis, I was sorry to hear of your mother's
death. It's a reality we must all face some-
time but it never is easy.

Wishing you all the best for the new year!

Love,

Liz

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Dear Phyllis,

Your letter has given me something to think about. Actually when considering a return to Lesotho I have thought about it along similar lines. Your suggestion of monitoring and for work I might do of course leads me to think just what I could do and my effectiveness. I don't know but yes, no doubt we will talk about it. The thought of making this big move does conjure up some anxiety within namely venturing out again and being so far away from my parents now at a time when my father's health is failing. But then, we must do what we must do. The U.S. is not satisfying as to what I want out of life. It is so difficult to work for change here because most people don't even know what you're talking about much less support it. It's quite alienating.

Anyway, I've gotten as far as looking into air fares etc. I have also submitted applications to Zimbabwe. A very tentative game plan at this point would be to come to Lesotho hopefully getting a sufficient time in a visitor's visa to check it out as far as jobs are concerned. Do you have any feel for my possibilities of getting a nursing job there and a working permit to do so? If all this ~~is~~ ^{is} not possible, then Zimbabwe may work out to be a back up. I have also looked into going to midwifery in the U.K. however at this point it

appears that they have waiting lists
2 years long. So should I be coming
your way, I would probably stop in
England to personally look into getting
on those waiting lists. Of course, I
would look in on Sukhtin, it would
be nice to see her.

I recently had a visit from a
roommate of Rebecca's in Mexico City.
He was here doing work at the university
and of course reports Rebecca's happiness.
Her birthing time is near! I can't
hardly believe it.

Mid-January we are co-sponsoring
an event here with the AWC here in
San Francisco to end up our oil-embargo
campaign. Much work ahead on that
do keep me busy.

I try to heed your advice about
not worrying about Jim, but it is
still painful to realize the distance
between us now. I'm sure you must
understand when you wrote that you
feared you had lost him, well it is
similar with me.

Do write when you can what
you think of my plan. I would
probably head out of here towards
the end of January.

Love,
Liz

Tuesday Morning 26th October, 1982 At work. Ist one in.

My dear Liz,

Your letter was lovely thank you. It was a feast with letters from you Fern & Monroe, John, Edith, Frontline, Social Review. Its queer that ypu have not had my letter. Rhonda took my post to deal with it in Nairobi, even Monroe does not have his as well.

I am glad that you are thinking of returning to these parts. Zimbabwe is not a bad choice as well. You certainly will be close to where its happening.

There are two ways perhaps more, certainly two that Ive thought about.

1. You can come here to monitor the situation for information of folkd back home. At some time you will think of returning home & this service could be of use to those at home & when you return you could have replacements attended to before you leave.

2. You can come work here & the work will epitomise what you are & what your objects are.. namely to help the liberation struggle struggle.

The latter is a difficult task. Increasingly we are finding that the US Administration is becoming involved in the struggle against us. The security men do SAs job for them. The things that are happening here is not funny. The Reagan admin's constructive engagement is not intended to help the liberation of our country its intended to entrench the racists. So much American equipment is being traded with SA. Not only arms but much more. When I see you we shall discuss thsi further.

So its an area you should take care. For while America uses platitudes of demccracy it entrenches dictators. We are beginning to see much evidence of it now So you see even Carter is a better vote. In the 4 years that Reagan has been in power SA has found great support for its racism in your country. The fact that that SA id sitting in Angola is precisely because uncle Sam backs her iniatives.

Now let us not waste valuable space & a beautiful morning on diseased racists.

Dont worry too much about Jimbo. If he loves you, you will make it together.

The office, certainly the typist is here. So I must go.

Love you,

Phyl.

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