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Dear Phyllis,

Please forgive my delay in writing. Thank you very much for the lovely letter you sent - I was pleased to receive it, especially knowing you have many problems and things to occupy you there in Durban. Mum often speaks of you and shows me your letters. She has a photo of you and the children on her desk. Yes, it is SOBEY, but being an unusual name, people often misspell it.

Your boys learning karate reminds me of our three young boys, who had their first judo lesson last week! They don't know enough to practise yet, though.

I have had a good holiday since graduating. I stayed with some friends on a farm about 400 miles from here for two weeks, and have just had a quiet, relaxed time. Over Easter I went to a camp with the young people of our church. General Training here is three years, which I've just completed. Midwifery is a year, which I just started this week, but at a different hospital. I'm living in the nurses' home, and come home on days off, as it is about half an hour on the bus. We are moved to each part of the maternity unit for a month, and I have started off in the nursery. It is not one of the largest hospitals in Sydney - we have about 50 patients in the maternity section. I'm glad I've started midwifery - I think it is an important part of training as a nurse.

I hope all goes well with your application, and I want to give you my best wishes in your situation. The Lord helps me so much, and I pray that you will know Him helping you.

With love,
Alison.