

Dear Phyllis & Subbhi -

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You'd love it here now - 100° in the shade every day - we're back from India's garden city, Bangalore where we discussed poverty from the perspective of opulence - West End Hotel - and yet to bring up this issue (which I did) makes you appear a maverick idealist, new boy on the block (which I'd prefer to be) - and now to waste a bit more money it's off to Delhi tonight to meet a NY official - I'll save CAEC a bit by staying with Hutis - & so go our small moral victories over malignant bureaucracies

We haven't heard from Basil - a situation I hope you'll remedy - and we want to know when you two are coming to see us - I'll love to have you put the S.A. perspective on India. Everyone is the same colour but the "apartheid" is plenty present -

Recently we went to church (Holy Roman of course) with our Brazilian neighbors - their 7yr. old is heavy into catechism class. I went & Fern & I didn't bridge on the call for blood & flesh, she looked up at me with big eyes & whispered in all sincerity "Aren't you going to heaven?"

While noting that "I doubt it" to Fern, I told her we weren't allowed to partake because we weren't Catholic - which I hope raised an even more important theological question in her mind!

We heard from Robin - a great big (literally) letter on the back of his poster - and we were disturbed to hear that 2 letters to him (one of which had some things for you all in it) never arrived. We've also heard from John (Nov 22 written) - of course, he may have carried it around in his back pocket for 3 months. It was written before news of his "prohibited status" from Lesotho had reached him - & thus full of exhilaration about his return there - which made it a rather poignant





"This meeting was called in order to discuss the meat. It has been pointed out that there is no more meat. A motion has been made to fight over the bones."

Letter ... If Care is sending relief workers to Somalia ... from India ... & Mouse's Assistant Ad. has been moved to another State ... Thru through the hot months there'll be extra work for Mouse - & long hrs. at the office -- that may not be all bad since it is much cooler there -- Perhaps we can both move down there -- Well, Mouse is off to Delhi -- taking this letter with him -- so more next time. Love, Fern & Mouse