

Jane Turner

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What a pleasure your letter of the <sup>4</sup>30/6/81, was my dear Jane. I shared it with an old friend of yours & Rick. She was in tears - She sends you her love & wishes soon she will be able to hold you - but that is dependant on freedom in our life time.

My friend has just been here & I was angry that she had not seen you - He will see you soon & maybe your plans can be made later.

I'll see whether I can get you a ride up by other means too. Once here we shall arrange for you to get to Durban. How sad that Harold treated you in that manner - but when you are under pressure coherence parts company oh so often. So much has happened to that family that I am surprised that they continue to live here -

I am happy Moona visited you. She could do with a holiday - & perhaps it might help the little boy - I am sure that if he went to creche & played with other children he'll speak soon. Has Moona tried this? I am surprised that Jo is in S. America - he was coming this way to get his truck - so he said. Perhaps when Moona sees him, they might patch up. Sometimes marriages seem at an end & something happens & all is well again. Let's hope so.

How are you coping with this cold weather & yours is compounded by rain? We are freezing here - the frost lies thick on the ground, the taps are frozen, the life beaten out of growing vegetables - only cabbage, broccoli & the like survive & the pine trees - The poplars have shed their leaves & their nudity abounds. The Caledon river bloated & muddy in the rainy seasons now lies with its sandy belly exposed & a tiny rivulet winds its way thro. Our light bill was R66.00 - Wood & coal about R50.00. The price of warmth is beyond the scope of so many here - & while people complain of the lack of trees here I know & can appreciate in the poverty that pervades us why this is so.

However, **UKZN Gandhi Centre** can thank the colonialists here for the trees in the golf course - which remains **Documentation Centre** in tact.

My friend from up north was extremely chesty when she arrived but she has returned with her chest cleared - so the air here is lovely & the cold brings numbers of ex-patriates here to work & to play. Its home from home to many weatherwise. My niece has arrived to do a nursing course in Somerset Hospital & she is enjoying the beauty of the fairest Cape.

We love you

Angela