

Oct. 25, 1981

Dear Phyllis & Luke,

We keep adding things to your two books <sup>by Stephanie</sup> wondering what we get that would be interesting to you. Some things are put there and then taken away when I realize you would already know about it.

I just got a flyer in the mail from an organization that offers classes in a variety of things to the public. I noticed that one of the dance teachers was Charmain Thorne. I don't think there could be two with that name. I have never met her but will try to contact her to tell her you've asked about her. We haven't seen Chris.

Bob and I went to the conference in New York and it was very interesting. We met Liz Papp briefly and Bob talked with a Mr. Naidoo of ICOSA in London. I hope we didn't offend him. I couldn't go away without asking if he was Luke's father.

The conference was impossible for me to describe. I've never experienced anything like it. It seems such a hopeful sign to me that church groups can meet with the Communist Party, dislike each other, but realize there is a common goal they have worthy of a common effort. The conference was held in a church of the same kind two of my grandfathers were and my sister is a minister in. What I heard I



would never have believed could come from that pulpit, liberal as it occasionally is. We tried to get two of a lot of the materials so you will get some.

Jackie & Eric Metzner were there and we plan <sup>4 of us</sup> to get together a slide show for a group Jackie thinks would help support the effort to recruit more groups to publicize and support the liberation struggles in Namibia & South Africa. I'm in touch with the Washington office on Africa who will let me know when lobbying efforts to protest the Clark amendment in Congress, etc., will be most useful. I have access thru a newsletter to 200 neighborhood groups if I can convince my board to let me use it as a vehicle. I will do my best. Nothing influences a Congressman like a call from a concerned constituent and we do it all the time on national issues.

How is school suks? And how is life in Leatho. I don't like what I read and I don't know if I can believe what I read. I just hope you and most other people I know are safe.

I don't know how interested you are in our city's problems but we are faced this year with a proposition on the ballot next week that would give each parent who sends a child to private school up to \$1200 as a tax



credit since they don't use the public schools. It would seriously undermine the public schools if passed and is a bitter fight.

Amy + Jim are sitting at the kitchen table doing homework. They both have spelling and math. It is dark by 5:30 PM now so they don't mind doing it. By the end of November when you are enjoying the ~~homeros~~ sun it will be dark here by 4:30 P.M. Bob hates driving home from work after dark. I'm finished about 2:30 and come home by bus at about 3:15.

Oct. 28

Bob got a call from Eric at about 1:30 today that a South African rugby team would be playing on a field near the White House at 5:00 PM. He called me + we both left work + rushed to the field to find a few TV reporters, a few demonstrators and no game. When the District found out who had a permit to play, they took it away. They'll probably sneak to play somewhere else.

I got your letter and we'll wait to hear from Liz. The article about the conference in Durban was interesting. You'll be so lonely without Suki!

Love,  
Susan



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7/11/82

284 Duffy Street  
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26<sup>th</sup> November 1982

Dear Phyllis,

Very hot & oh so dry! They are slaughtering stock by the thousands & the wheat crop is a disaster. The fruit & vegetables in the shops tend to be small & tasteless. Ghostly for the farmers.

Guess where I went to school? St Christopher at Letchworth! How is that for a small world. I left when war broke out & went to a day school in Cambridge. Mr Lyn Harris was head-master in my time & then his son Nicholas took over. He retired a couple of years ago & was killed in Spain. Subs should do very well there as long as she works - I didn't. It must be a great relief to you to have her settled. With eight dogs you will hardly notice the empty house, or maybe you will. Dogs or dogs.

We were very interested in your reaction to London - we did not see it that way. We decided it was because we were wallowing in nostalgia & only noticed what we wanted to see. Friends of ours who went to the UN special session in NY came back appalled with the state of that city.

The Australia Gov. has money to spend on aid & I have been asked to ask you (by Quaker Service Council) if you know of any project that needs funding. We are helping refugee students in Botswana, offering them a place to study and a "house parent" to support



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*I think I am vague on the details, but I do know that there are plenty of refugees in Lesotho as well. If you have ~~any~~ any ideas I could pass them on.*

*We are off to Adelaide on Sunday. It is eleven months since we saw those grand-children.*

*What can I say about so many deaths so close to you? Courage & Hope for a better future.*

*Love Susan*