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Dear Phyllis,

Thank you for your letter & all the news about your goodness & your family. Niall has only 1 useful ear (that is not too good), as she had one ear drum damaged during an air raid when she lived in Birmingham during the war. We hope that your hearing will improve & get back to normal. Gedge had a cousin wounded in the first World War, when he got a lot of shrapnel in one leg. From time to time one of these would travel up his leg towards his body; he had 9 operations to remove such pieces. We hope yours will prove less troublesome & give itself up soon.

Your boys have certainly got around; they must have good brains to be able to study in a foreign language — I find it difficult enough to study in my own language. When they have qualified, will they go back to R.S.A.?

It is great to know that you now have a place of your own; we hope that ~~that~~ you will be both comfortable & happy ~~there~~ there. Are you now settled in Lesotho & finding your work congenial.

Thank you for the press cutting about Lilian; I enjoyed reading it. I have Helen Joseph's autobiography. A fascinating story in which she tells a lot about Lilian. I did not know that Helen had been banned again. They seem to get worse — if that is possible. In today's "Methodist Recorder" I read that the 15 year old son of Rev. Dr. T. S. Agubule, returning from school in Swaziland, has been detained & his parents not permitted to visit him. Is "New Learning" a Lesotho paper? I read with interest the article on gardening or mulching the garden. It seemed very similar to what we call organic & compost gardening.

I enclose a tag. We are asking people to tie it to an old key & send it to the Prime Minister of R.S.A. We are hoping he will get a lot. It is very kind of you to invite us to visit you. We would love to come, but could not afford to do so just yet, but we ~~love~~ <sup>have</sup> hope.

Soon it will be Christmas, a ~~month~~ <sup>nine</sup> years since you wrote us for the first time. So we close with seasonal greetings & the hope that 1981 will be a good year for you & your family, & for the emancipation of your people.

Much love from  
Ned & Joyce.