

June 20, 1981

Dear Phylis,

Meant to do this long ago but you know how it goes when one has 101 things to do and only a short time to do it in, and so our time here in the States is fast coming to an end. We hope to fly to Canada to spend some time with my folks on July 1. We hope we will have a more relaxed time there and maybe we can even get to a lake somewhere and do some swimming and camping.

Having a good time. Spent our first three weeks away from Lesotho in Europe and had a great time although it was beastly cold most of the time. Visited some Bohn relatives in France, our baggage had not come on the same plane we did so we were 4 days in the clothes we wore for the flight although we have long ago learned to carry a set of underwear in our hand luggage. After France we visited my 2 cousins in northern Germany, our baggage had come in the meantime. The further north we got the colder it got and we experienced flurries of snow several times. My cousin drove us to Copenhagen, from here we took a train to Stockholm. We could have done all this by air but we enjoyed seeing alot of Scandinavian countryside. A couple with whom I had worked in Zaire for 8 years were our hosts in Stockholm and they gave us a good time. One of the most interesting things we did was to visit the "Wasa" museum. 600 years ago, a big warship, built entirely of wood, went down on its maiden voyage. It had not been recovered until about 1957. It seemed they could not locate it so for many years they gave up on it. Then they hauled it up out of the water and built a building around it, they are trying to restore it to what it was originally. They still have a long ways to go, but it was extremely interesting. From Stockholm we again took a train to Oslo where we again stayed with friends with whom I had worked in Zaire. Norway still had winter so we didn't do much except some shopping and visiting. Then again train and boat to Frankfurt from where we flew to the States.

You will no doubt have heard from Rebecca. We enjoyed seeing her and had a meal with her as well. Her mother and 2 friends had been invited and they insisted we come. It was good to see Rebecca, she is happy in the hospital in Lancaster but was looking forward to joining her "true love" in Porto Rico. She seemed very much to miss him and gave the impression that this is the man in her life but very much denied any thoughts of marriage. Here in Elkhart we are enjoying the downstairs flat at Johns brothers house. We have lots of room and are enjoying TV, driving a big LTD Ford car (actually we did not want a big car but a friend offered this one on very good terms so we couldn't turn it down) We spent an enjoyable evening with Wayne and Kathy. Of course they had lots of questions to ask. I think they are quite happily settled. Wayne seems to enjoy his work and Kathy also enjoys the home and her voluntary work. I'm not sure we will see them again but in any case we will call them before we leave here. Yesterday I called Tim Linds mother who lives not far from here, and asked when they were due to arrive here. She said they were already in the States and will come to Goshen on Monday. We want to be sure to see them as well.

And among other things we have been doing some work at the house that we own in Goshen. John cut down a big tree, we trimmed the shrubs, painted the porch railing, I am in the process of painting the store room in the back yard. The house needs paint as well but it proved to be too big a job for us to get it done before we are due to leave. It has been quite well looked after in our absence.

We hope to be back in Lesotho as soon after August 19 as we can get out of London, and really look forward to seeing all of you then. Having fun shopping but prices are high. Air traffic controllers are threatening to go on strike so it remains to be seen whether we will get out to Canada in time.

Have had 2 good letters from Evelyn but otherwise heard very little from Lesotho. We trust all is well. Has the referendum come off?

All the best to you,

Love,

John and Tina

Excuse the carbon on the letter, I used a carbon <sup>COPY</sup> of a letter as a backing sheet and did not realize that it would come off the way it did.

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