

Queenstown

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Dear Phyllis,

How are you. Here things are looking up. I had a scan done on Tuesday & the doctor says that the baby is okay. There was some doubt as to whether I would carry the baby till to full term. I have had a threatened miscarriage on my 13th week & the doctor wasn't too hopeful. It was the most beautiful experience seeing the baby moving. We were so relieved & happy when he said that our baby was okay. Due to my nauseous bouts, food is not my favourite friend & I have only put on 3 kgs. According to the doctor, I shouldn't worry about not eating a lot as long as the quality of the food is excellent, & I'm getting the necessary vitamins. Barry & I have decided that this is my last pregnancy & if we want another child, we will adopt. I am not keen on having a repeat performance of what I have been through. Once bitten - twice shy.

I am working at the moment as Barry's "Jack of all trade", and am enjoying it. Since working, I find that I don't feel as depressed or freaky as I used to feel when I stayed at home.

We are moving in a house on Friday 3 Oct and are very thrilled at the idea. It's a 4 bedroom - 2 bathroom - lounge - dining - E. Hall - kitchen - scullery, ^{maid room - garage - store room} house, and the rent is only R250.00. We couldn't believe our ears when she told us about the rent - when you think that the Khotsoeng one was R400.00 a month, it's incredible. The garden is big but very run down, but we should get it right in no time. Due to the size of the place, we are bringing down all our furniture but will have to sell the dining room suite as we won't be needing it any more. We hope to be down here for only 2 years or so. Barry is more than keen to go back to England as he feels that our child will be better off there than here - maybe not materially but in all other spheres. Only time will tell.

Well that's all for now,
love to Saks,

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