

Dear Phyllis,

We wish you a

very happy Christmas

and a

successful New Year

That you don't
forget our faces



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Another year has nearly passed. Now we are back in Berlin since 1 year and 9 month and we are slowly getting used to life here. It took actually longer than we thought. Berlin has changed a lot. It has become very big, lots of unemployment, homeless people and people are quite aggressive. Well I suppose it is now like all the other big cities and before we had the situation of a fairly secure island.

My job in this small organisation (I am Director, Financial Administrator, Secretary and Cleaner all in one) is quite interesting. It is about intercultural communication and we try to teach the Berliners what it is. Sometimes it looks quite hopeless, but at times there are signs of light. I am working with a group of young and still fairly enthusiastic people from different nationalities, they are doing the training for us on contract basis and I have to organize everything. We also have constant work groups, in which we work on our concepts and where we try to improve and alter them according to our experience.

Günter is slowly getting used to the work in school again. But Apprentices are very tough and without much hope here in Berlin and he has sometimes his difficulties with the discipline.

One of his main relaxation is building little modells, making drawings and planning on changes on our little cottage, This summer he built a nice terrace and made a guestroom from the annex in our garage. As you can see we are settling down.

And life in Berlin is not too bad for us because every

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**Isn't it a nice 'old couple'.
The picture was taken this year
at the place where we met
17 ½ years ago and as
you can see we still look
quite happy with
each other.**

weekend we go out to our cottage (in the winter months we have a little break, since we had to take out the water pump, so that it doesn't get damaged in the frost). It is very simple, it is situated very near a lake and the surrounding pathways are not paved yet, it reminds us a bit of the African country side. We stayed there also during our summer holidays and we had a lot of visitors, mostly friends who had also stayed in Zimbabwe and Lesotho

We talked so much about Zimbabwe that we felt we should visit it soon, before all the people have forgotten about us. So we decided to spend the Easter-holiday next year in Zimbabwe. We will be there from the 10th of March to the 31st of March.

As you can see nothing much exciting has happened to us. How is life treating you. Did you bring your case in front of the Truth-Commission? Let us hear from you. We still have such nice memories of the time we spent with you. By the way the Combi is running again.

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*Love Helga
and Günter*