

**BY AIR MAIL**  
**AIR LETTER**  
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

MALAY

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Brick is made everywhere  
by hand! ) Jan 23/75

Dear Irene and Wesley,

That was a tremendous letter,  
from the two of you, after your  
long silence! It is nice to catch  
up on the family doings, and to  
hear that you're reasonably  
well - at least I judge that's  
about the way of it - if you  
don't behave too unreasonably,  
you're well - that's about  
my state too.

I have lately moved from  
the house on the campus which  
I shared with three Malawian  
girls to a very spacious and  
gracious house on a tea-estate.  
This gives me lots of space,  
privacy, garden to muck in,  
fruit and flowers to pick -  
but it requires 15 miles each  
way to school, and my "new"  
car - bought for the purpose  
- has been immobile ever  
since the first day of term!  
(The cost of all this terrifies me.)

Thank you also for the flowery calendar - very nice!

I've used the wretched bus a few  
times (it takes HOURS, literally),  
and this week have shared  
a little Landrover cab with two  
Indian girls and their driver,  
- a tight fit - they're very polite  
and kind but they must hate it.  
So today I find that the starter I  
tried to send to the city last  
Tuesday (10 days ago) for repairs  
or replacement was sent back  
untouched three days ago because  
I hadn't sent a work order with  
it! The local garage has no  
parts, but they would instal it  
for me. The starter was new,  
I might add, and installed by  
these city sticklers on Jan 3, 1975.  
Of course nobody told me anything.  
Patience, patience!

I had a fine summer  
holiday - three weeks - over the  
year-end, and got up to the big  
Game Reserve to see the beasts,  
all kinds! (not in my car, in  
that of my neighbours the Ayers)  
We saw a family of lions feeding,

© play the church organ sometimes! May smell brick church

plenty of antelope (six kinds)  
zebra, warthog, buffalo, hippo  
and a zillion birds! Oh yes, a  
wild dog with fan-ears, and a  
hare, and ELEPHANTS in very  
alarming size and proximity!  
There are practically NO wild  
animals outside the parks  
except a few mongooses, genets,  
monkeys and hyenas. Did  
you know hyenas are cats?  
You should hear them at night  
they sound like old Boghi. I  
am told there are leopards on  
our mountain here but it's  
a very big mountain full of  
jungly glens, so that one  
might hide hundreds of leopards  
there. All around here however,  
i.e. a good four mile vista,  
there is nothing but smiling  
green tea fields, divided by  
lanes of feathery trees and little  
thatched villages buried in mangoes  
bananagroves, and pawpaws. All  
very delicious! (My garden adds  
guavas, pineapples and strawberries)  
Some day I'll have pictures to show  
you. Write again SOON! Love  
Alice.