

Dear Grandma,

May 12/71

Happy Mother's Day on Sunday and Happy Grandmother's Day as well. We expect that I will be seeing quite a number of your family in the weekend. We are sorry we won't be there but we will be thinking of you. We were really pleased to get the tape from folks with all the familiar voices on it. It is so good to hear voices and news from me.

We are back to work now. Our holidays went particularly relaxing. We were away for the whole holiday which is alright but it was a pleasant change to see new faces and new country. Our retreat in Malawi was most enjoyable.

We were very impressed with the scenery and the prices of goods in the stores.

In comparison, pretty well everything in Zambia is more expensive. This is partly because all of our imports have to be brought in by transport trucks about 1000 miles or more. Also,

Zambia will not trade with South Africa or Rhodesia because of the apartheid policy of the governments there.

In spite of the cheaper prices there, I think Zambia is much better off financially. We have a population of 4 million. The same as Malawi in a country 2 or 3

times as large. So the average man is better off here by far. In Malawi everytime you stopped the car there were beggars, particularly in the larger centres.

We just got our first pictures of Zambia back. Most of them turned out quite well. They will be heading out to the folks sometime before long. So you probably will get a chance to see them.

You may have heard that we got a new car over the holidays - a Mayda

station wagon (Japanese car). We were awfully glad to get it. We haven't gone anywhere special with it yet but it is nice to know that you can go if you want to.

This past weekend I made drapes for the front room, dining-room and 2 bedrooms. One of the ladies here helped me with the front room drapes to get me started. Actually, I was quite surprised that I could do it. I am not much of a seamstress but they look pretty good, anyway. They make the house more homey. Well, I'm out of room so take care and greetings to all the family. With love, Lena Lenise

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