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Dear Ms MacFarlane,

I did not thank you for your letter of October which I received just prior <sup>to me</sup> going to Paris. It was interesting the news and I am only sorry I am not returning to NZ in the near future. I shall certainly keep my eye out for interested midwives, but here the home birth idea is being phased out. Consequently most up and coming midwives will be softened to the hospital security and approach, with no interest to home births. Also experience using only your senses and knowledge is very limited as you will know of modern machinery available which does all our work for us. The raw deals women get sometimes makes me ill, but again I have seen some lovely moments and that renews my faith in human nature and makes me keep going.

I am off to Saudi Arabia in a week to work for two years. Again this will be a very interesting and exciting place to work, full of the unexpected and restrictions. Out in S.A. there is a great problem with female circumcision in the pregnant women. No doubt the tales are awful and hair raising.

All the best and wishing you all a nice Christmas,

Regards  
Elspeth Duff

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