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Dear Barbara,

It was a nice surprise to receive your letter of 11 November 1981 on behalf of the N.Z. Home Birth Association!

I am enthusiastic about domiciliary midwifery and was very interested to hear from you about progress on the "home" scene. (N.Z.)

At this moment in time I am studying hard for Hospital Finals in February and C.M.B. exams in March. I began the course at the end of March '81 and the year has flown! Here in the U.K., they prefer Midwives to have had at least 1 year to 18 months post grad. experience before venturing out to the community.

I am beginning to think it would be wise for me to stay or here after I get through, for at least 6 months to consolidate. I'd thought of coming back to N.Z. and staffing, however, I'm grateful for the training PM Saints has given me and I feel I owe them something. (They also happen to be 15 Midwives short!) The Principal Midwifery Tutor and the other Tutors have been super people as well as thorough teachers. It's been a very practical training and considering the low percentage of home confinements now in the U.K., I'm fortunate to have delivered two babies at home during my three months Community - very few students have the opportunity!

When I know my future plans more definitely, I shall let you know.

Many thanks again for your letter. I really did appreciate you writing!

Best wishes,

yours sincerely,

Jennie Ballard.

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