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Dear Kusala & C.P.,

Sorry it has taken me so long to write the two of you. My life has changed drastically in an $\frac{1}{2}$ year. It all has been for the happier. I hope that your ~~lives~~ lives have also changed for the happier. I read the article Kusala had written about the India EQ. I hope that the event has given the two of you an ~~and~~ inroad to seismology in India.

Don't you love this picture? I think it is wonderful of all three of you. Family pictures are always good. I like to see how my family members have matured w/age. I should have written & sent this long before now. I do miss you.

I have been ⁱⁿ Talwani's office these past weeks finishing the 2nd quarter bulletin. I am teaching Ted as I go. He is lazy. I am the reason he has not started a thing on the consecutive bulletins. Rick has to cheer him while. I showed Bob how to do all the stuff months ago & he took off with the responsibility. Ted learned everything from two weeks ago but has not lifted a finger. He thinks I'm supposed to teach him how to locate & everything! Rick had told him repeatedly that he would teach him. I laugh at Ted. I think he is intimidated by me. He acts as though I am not ~~working~~ teaching 2 labs, taking 4 graduate sci. courses, & helping my advisor.

Actually I am taking 3 science courses & 1 graduate education course. My science courses are great fun!! I am taking Applied climatology, Geomorphology from space, and Oceanography. They are all interesting. The geography department professors and grad. students are great fun. They invited me to go out Friday after School & I went. ☺

Matthew & I are no longer engaged. When he returned from Houston, Texas he was a different man. I think he was relaxed into the engagement & his "tense" self shone through. Thank goodness for me b/c if I'd have married him life would have been very hard on me. I would not have born children w/him. Matthew still bothers me. He owes me \$800.00 & he used that to create tension. I ignore him. His true self is very vindictive & mean. I escaped ;)

My new advisor, Dr. Carpenter, & I get along beautifully. He is the ideal advisor. The office has about 15-20 people. Dr. Carpenter's management skills keep the office a family. We all help each other on the spin of a dime. The office works as one. We are all happy w/ work & our boss, so work is very pleasant. I love to spend all day there.

My masters in science education is going well. In spite of all the mess last term, I got a 4.0. haha! I love the ability to take grad. science courses for a degree instead of all education courses (blah!).

I am teaching Historical Geology labs for the Honors College. The students are generally fun to teach. Some just want to know the answer for an A, & they annoy me. I love the opportunity to teach. I need the experience.

I am still singing.

I am trying to travel in Europe for 3 or 4 weeks this summer. I need a loan. I want to go to the countries that I've not yet seen. My voice teacher & I will travel together, & perhaps a few more people.

Lynn looks & sounds as though she is doing well. Yesterday she was going to find tires at Sam's whole sale with her husband, Sam. I think they are happy. Their son(?) & daughter-in-law are spending 3 years in Japan and Lynn & Sam now have their children's dog. They call it the "granddog."

Rick sounds like nothing has changed. He keeps me informed on what Ted has said last about me. He & Talwan have been in some "dozzies" (fights), I see him occasionally

outside smoking + releasing nerves/tension. It is outside that he & I gossip. I miss him, too.

Ron is doing as usual. He & Talwani are not getting along very well, b/c Talwani will not help Ron w/ his thesis. Ron is fun mostly. He talks non-stop to me, w/me. And guess what? Just the other day, I was in his office using the draft table & talking to Graham (another grad student on the 5th floor), and Ron spoke in the conversation! He did not ~~cal~~ clam up like one would have expected.

I cannot think of anyone to tell you about.

Write when you find the time. I hope all is going well with you, I was/am a little nervous on all of your abilities to readjust. I was mostly nervous about April. ^(spring)

Take care of yourselves and each other. I think of you often. Perhaps you will visit S.C.

Love,

Katherine Ulmer

Dear Kusala

July 20, 1993

This basket serves two purposes. One purpose - a gift of appreciation of your kind guidance and teaching throughout the past seven months. Second purpose - a Thank you gift for your hospitality and dinner in May.

I wanted to give you and C.P. a gift the evening you cooked dinner and invited me. You declined my offer of food, dessert, etc. At dinner, I noticed you did not have a formal bread basket. I find it appropriate that I give you a low country sweet grass basket to serve that very purpose. The next time you share your hospitality with someone, somewhere else in the world, you will have a token of a South Carolinian's sweet appreciation.

I would like to send with you this sweet grass basket upon your departure from the United States. It will forever smell sweetly of South Carolina as well as visually remind you of the beautiful low country and field area of C.P.'s research.

Thank You!

Your friend,
Katherine Ulmer

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