

Brief van Vincent Luhanga aan onze penningmeester

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Dear Bert,

I write to confirm that the money was transferred well, by Monday this week. I will have to pay rental and electricity by thursday because today I knocked off late and tommorrow I am on call. Our call as usual are more than 24 hours that is you start work at 8: 00 am and knock off the next day by 1 or 2 pm depending on the consultant and how fast one works the next day. This means if you are on call and you work fast the next day then you knock off early. Nowadays I am used to the environment, I work fast and usually I knock off early. I have been sent to a different hospital called Rahima Moosa Martenal and Child Health Hospital (Coronation). It is part of the rotation for us. We are supposed to rotate in three hospitals: Johannesburg General Hospital (Charlotte Maxelle Academic Hospital), Rahima Moosa MCH Hospital (Coronation), and Chris-Hani Baragwannath Hopsital. From Coronation, I might go back to Johannesburg General Hospital and then to Baragwanath thereafter unless if things changes.

Our new landlord seems to be less concerned. We stayed in the house for two months without us sending utility bills, despite several reminders. That means the bills had to accumulate. The daughter managed to send the bills for the last two months only last week but after they accumulated. The owner seems also not to be concerned with his house because before we came in, we asked him to repair some of the exposed electrical sockets which he promised to do, as soon as possible. He never came back after several reminders and so we just stopped. We do cover the exposed sockets with a book shelf. Otherwise the apartment is good and well secured. It is a town house.

Judy and Vinjeru are both fine. I am fine as well. The citroen is a nice car and reliable so far. It is doing its job very well.

I was hoping to have information for University fees for next year. I have been going to find out from the postgraduate office but the new officer is not in her office most of the times. I managed to get hold of her last week Friday. I was post call and had to go via her office. She could not give me the information pertaining to the fees and all the requirements i.e. to do with annual registration with Health professional Council Of South Africa, Malpractice insurance and health insurance without which I cannot register. I will also need examination fee for college of paediatrics for part 1 examinations. The fees and all these others are supposed to be processed in December but her office does not have the information up to now. She told me to follow up with her on the 4th of December she is hoping that the fees office will finalise all the the requirements. Mrs McMlean the lady who was working in this office was very efficient but unfortunately she had to retire. She was very organised. She could follow up lost of information and push the health professinal council on issues relating to the supernumerary registrars like myself. I think as supernumary it will be very challenging without Mrs. McClean.

All in all, it seems the fees has been raised, as well as the other requirements like registration with health professinal council, malpractice insurance and health insurance.

Concerning our daily living, we have few challenges and I was hoping to write you at the time when I was supposed to send the budget for fees and the rest of the requirements. From the time we owned the car that is end August until now fuel has been raised twice. I also had to ensure the vehicle and I pay R1,400.00 per month for the insurance. I have been send to another hospital where I work and that has made transport very costly. If Judy was working somehow it could have been easier for us but some how it is far beyond expectation to think that she will get a job here one day. She keeps on trying but the limiting factor is to get a work permit. There has been a lot of retrenchments for architects due to global financial crisis. That has also worsened her situation as well. I hope she gets a job then her experience as an architect will improve as well.

With this background, I kindly wanted to ask for a revision of up keep allowance. Hoping to here from you.

I have also attached Photos of our family as per request.

Kind regards.

Vincent.