

Volk's Cottage
 Huguenot
 Paarl
 9th May 1934

D. A. L. Luma
 Sophiatown

personal matters

Dear Doctor,

It was with regret to learn of the said news of the death of your dear wife on the 2nd Inst, which such a sudden death has caused the world to be under a Dark Cloud & a grave shock to the wide world; —

May the Lord be with you & the Children.

This world is not for the good,
 That is why your Father decided to call
 the late to her rest. Kindly therefore prepare
 to meet the late Mother at home above
 where you will never again depart, but
 remain for ever in peace.

Your true & faithful friend

Jas. D. Majo
 & Wishes.

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My dear Doctor,

The unspeakable storm with its thunderous blast and fury appears to be showing signs of breaking, and a calm, too slow to be true is gradually setting in. This, I feel, is the time for me to express to you my feelings and those of my family at the great and irreparable loss you have so suddenly sustained at the untimely death of your devoted partner and comfort, under circumstances too tragic and hideous to repeat.

To you, who have undergone this terrific blow, words may seem empty and perhaps meaningless, but take it from me my dear brother, that they are from the heart and are therefore well meant; they are the only means left to us in attempting at healing the damaged soul.

The last two weeks, you spent the darkest hours of your life; no doubt in utter despair. God grant you peace and comfort to bear this

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the heaviest of all crosses and the greatest sacrifice man has ever been asked to make. Christ, was about to loose heart when in the garden of Gethsemane, appealing to his Father for relief; but alas, this was not to be. He paid the price on the fateful Good Friday. Every thing was dark around him. He could no longer suppress his anxiety, until he broke out in a loud voice; "Father! Why has Thou forsaken me?"

This seems to me was your plight during those days of overwhelming suspense, ever since Mrs Xuma left her comfortable home and never to return to it alive, but dead. Can the grief of man be more than yours? I doubt it. I know how you felt, and I know how you are feeling now, especially when in the midst of meditation.

I do not wish to hurt you or recall to your mind those tragic hours, but I feel I cannot close my letter without making

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special reference to your motherless children, particularly the young lad who will never be able to point out his mother alive to his classmates. Their upbringing and care is going to be the hardest task imaginable. So what you like, think what you like, there will always be something lacking which ^{would} ~~who~~ have been completed if the mother was alive. This is true. Pray hard and earnestly for the wise guidance of the ~~of~~ Holy Spirit in the care of your girl and boy. Your lot is increased a hundredfold as a result, and few men, if there are any, envy you.

Death, is a good thing, though fearful. Good in that it reminds man of the greatness of the loving God and fearful, in that one has to leave this world of misery unaccompanied by any of those surrounding the death bed. We are born alone and we must go alone.

Beecher says, Living is death, dying is life.

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On this side of the grave we are exiles, on that we are citizens. On this side we are captives, on that we are freemen and are proclaimed the sons of God.

I pray you brother, always remember that God never takes our worst, but our very best. Take courage in the fact that you shall find her waiting for you and her kiddies at a place she is preparing for you, interceding day and night for God's blessings to be showered on you all.

God had a very good reason perhaps unknown to you for taking her away. You responded when He knocked at your door. Why weep then? Wipe away the tears and thank Him for having chosen you among men to make this priceless sacrifice.

May God grant her eternal light and peace with my family's fondest wishes

Yours fraternally,
J. M. Denenberg

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Dr. A.B. Kuma M.D.

Corner Rocky + End Sts.

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Dear Friend,

I have just seen the report of our bereavement in the Bantu World + Star and it has really taken us aback.

I hasten to assure you of our sympathy. Mrs. Kuma whom I was very proud to know is a loss to Bantudom + we all pray that you may be

divinely supported in
this bereavement.

Siyambulela in
"Ntutuzeli". May
his little life be
a real comfort to
you in the years
to come.

Where is the little
girlie? What is her
name is it Mvelo?

Maybe she is
well, happy & still
nursing her doll

M^{rs} Makhlanu
joins me in all
these sentiments.

Yours in all sympathy

J. Makhlanu

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Hill Villa,
Victoria West,
10th May 1934.

D^r A.B. Kuma,
49 Joly St,
Sophiatown,
Johannesburg.

Dear D^r Kuma.

The news of the loss of your dear wife came as a blow to us. With Max followed by a ~~my~~ letter from Mrs Foraker.

Please accept our deepest sympathy for the bereavement of your beloved wife. May God strengthen and comfort you in these dark hours are our wishes. May Tzipo and baby grow in grace.

Yours Sincerely,
T.A + M. Tahoma.

AFRICAN INDEPENDENT MISSION CHURCH.

40, Tucker Street,

ABX340510c(1) Sophiatown,

Johannesburg.

10th May, 1934.

Dr. A.B. Xuma, M.D.,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Sir,

Although it is unusual to convey a message of condolence to the bereaved after the lapse of some days, I have been instructed by members of the above church and in the name of the church to give expression to our profound grief for the irreparable loss sustained by you. Indeed, the sad news of such loss came as ^a great shock and was widely felt by members of our humble church here and abroad.

It certainly grieves us when we bear in mind that our beloved mother, who was being blessed with a second child was removed from us by Almighty God just at a time when we had looked forward to the time when she was going to demonstrate, on our behalf and in our interests her educational capabilities for our social, religious and material progress. There are two remarkable facts accomplished by her and that was (a) to bestow upon the race precious gifts of a son and daughter and (b) to offer herself as a sacrifice to uplift the members of her and our race. Although God, for the accomplishment and adjustment of His plans has shortened her days we deeply mourn such loss.

Doctor, your people say to you "be of good cheer - lala nge nxeba=may God heal that wound=and bring to your door Heavenly

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God giveth and taketh again.

Yours sorrowingly,

... *M. A. Sandhlana*

Rt. Rev. M. A. Sandhlana,
 on behalf of the African
 Headquarters, Bloemfontein
 Independent Mission Church.

P.S. On behalf of the League of African Churches, I, as
 Senior-President do, on behalf of these Churches,
 convey to you our deep condolence in your bereavement
 and, knowing how painful this wound is, the tears of
 a man are within.

Yours in the Lord

M. A. Sandhlana

Rt. Rev. M. A. Sandhlana,
 Headquarters, Bloemfontein.

notification.

God with us and with you.

Your obedient servant,



On behalf of the League of African Churches, I, as

representative of the League of African Churches,

convey to you our deep condolence in your bereavement

and, trusting how painful this news is, the tears of

a man are within.

Yours,



THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH AFRICA.
THE WITWATERSRAND MISSION.

REV. E. CARTER,
SUPERINTENDENT.

PHONE 24-2049.

11, Albemarle Street,
Kensington,

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Johannesburg, 11 MAY 1934 193

D^r A. B. Xuma.
104 End St.
Dorontoonkin.

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Dear D^r Xuma,

Accept my
sympathy in your tragic bereavement. I
trust you may find strength & grace to
bear the burden. I pray God The Father
to comfort you.

Yours faithfully,

E. Carter.

Early Bird Cottage
ABX 3405116 160. New Brighton
Port. Elizabeth

Dr. B. Xuma
P. O. Sophia-town
Johannesburg -

11th May 1934

Personal matters.

Sir - The untimely demise of your dear partner came as a shock and a surprise to both myself and my wife who knows her. It was more to me, for I had all the chances to see her and be introduced to her during my short visit to Johannesburg last Xmas; but unfortunately not one of my friends thought it expedient to do so. I was grieved but what could I have done - I remember seeing her in Pretoria when you & she walked in. I could only see her & be told it was she and yourself (Mr Molefe's wedding).

The loss you have sustained is irreparable, but God who is the "Be-all and end-all of things has paved your future to the good. Remember Job of old when all was glorious on his path of life - that within a short space of time he lost all, even his dear sons and daughters; but because he trusted not on himself, God gave him back his losses in ten-fold: Trust in Him and sure He will sustain you and comfort you during the hours of despondency and doubt. Be well advised - God never blunders. It may not come just true at this gloomy hour; but all His actions end with goodness. We lament this loss with you doctor

Yours truly. Preece & Lily May - Nkhwane

personal matters.

Judaleni High Sch.,
Richmond,
Natal.

13th May, 34.

Dear Dr. Luma,

Reading Mnteteli through this week end, I came across an article reporting the death of the late Mrs Luma. I hope my note will not upset you, but few words will suffice to let you know you have my deepest sympathy at the loss. As you will know, I was very fond of her, and I cannot express in words what shock I had at hearing this sad piece of news. May God the Almighty comfort and strengthen you in this dark hour of life, and teach you to know the real meaning of his prayer, "Thy will be done on earth as" for His ways are not our ways, and we sometimes fail to understand why He does these things. It is a great loss to us all who knew her, but, as Jesus said, 'Pray without ceasing', and all will be well with you.

Goodbye Doctor!!

Yours sincerely,

M. M. M. Mayoga

personal matters

Tati Training Institution,
P. O. Tsessebe,
Bech. Protectorate,
14th May, 1934.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I write to express my deep sympathy with you in your recent bereavement. May God, the only Comforter, help you to bear the heavy Cross thus imposed upon you.

Yours in true sympathy,
K. T. Motsetè

Dr. Xuma, B.Sc. M.D. etc.,
c/o Bantu Men's Social Centre,
Eloff St.,
Johannesburg.

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African Methodist Parsonage
Main Street
Kodstad

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St Kuma

Dear Sir

Please receive our sympathy with you for the event so sorrowful in the passing away (away) of your beloved wife.

It is the parting of dear ones in the very prime of life when the ties of union are very strong & dear.

It is however kindly meant from above.

We pray that the Giver & Taker may sustain you at this deep sorrowful event.

My family join in the sympathy.

God be with you

Kind & good wishes

your unknown friend

I Ngozwana & family



GRÉMIO AFRICANO DE LOURENÇO MARQUES
Na Africa do Sul.
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128/ Fox Street, 12,

Johannesburg, 14 de Maio de 1934

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Dr A.B.Xuma,
Sophiatown
Johannesburg.

Personal

Dear Sir,

This body felt great profound for lost of your beloved wife.
In name of a bove, and paper " O Brado Africano", and all africans
Portguese subjects, are presenting their condolence to Doctor and parents

Yours faithfully


Johannesburg, 14th May 1934

To Dr A.B.Xuma,
Sophiatown,
Johannesburg.