

My dear good Tschull!

Finally, finally a free moment to be able to think of you. For a long time I have felt obligated to write to you but as long as things are not as they should be, I neglected everything – let it blow in the wind. In your thoughts you seem to be often with me. This pleases me tremendously. But you really have the wrong concepts: I am nowhere near wearing a lab-coat although I often wish the time had come by now. Sometimes I think it will never come. Now hear: From April 15 to July 22 I worked in Chavannes des Bois (population: 50) in a school-house. Madame was a teacher and Monsieur a farmer and I had to run the whole house for the family of four. All day long I was usually alone and lonely and learned so little French that I could have cried. So I left and went to Morges on Lake Geneva to work in a children's home. Wow! What a contrast to be suddenly among 70 children! All day long I heard people talk and could practice my own speaking. It lasted a good month after which a large group of kids went home and I was left to do the clean-up: scrubbing, washing, etc. What a pity; that month, the work with children now seems to me like a beautiful vanished dream– hope it will return again. At the time I was contemplating whether I shouldn't train for a job which places me with children: Kindergarten teacher or such. And you – you are interested in lab-technician. Conditions to get into lab- tech. School are: in Bern you have to be 20, in Geneva 18 years old but know French, second: English or Italian, need physics and chemistry, shorthand {120 –140 syllables} and typing. Entrance exam: essay, drawing, shorthand, French and English. Unfortunately I lost the prospectus but Miss Latz, vocational guidance Schaffhausen, can send you one if you ask for it. I am happy that your health is good. Improve as much as you can so that you will be altogether well again. Good bye my dear Tschull! And should it take a long time until I write again then please forgive me and remember that I am on my feet every day from 6 AM – 10:30 PM. From my heart : Congratulation for your birthday I wish you recuperation and everything good. Thinking of you am sending the very best regards

Margrit.