

The whole business of homesickness is a powerful and important one and is central to language learning when this is done abroad.

I have experienced it often abroad, myself, and recently visited a friend in a town near Budapest (Hungary) where he is married to a new wife, (Hungarian) and, at the age of 58 he is subtly homesick for UK.

Please do write to me about your experience of homesickness. What is the word for it in your home language and in the national language?

Time you came over and had a meal with us, or maybe did something with us of a week-end.
I'll be in touch on this.

What you write about Indonesia I realise is written from the heart and though it does not fit well with other things I have heard and read about your country I honour it as a powerful and interesting political fact about Indonesian life. How people see and feel their own country is a central FACT in the political life of that country.

At Pilgrims you have had a series of different people working with you and you will have seen humanistic teaching from various angles. I wonder what you make of all this and how you are synthesising it into your own teaching? You will also have learnt from the mistakes and errors of your tutors. Sometimes these are more important to trainees than things they get right.

I would love to hear something of your classroom process over the last two months.

Writing to you is one way of trying to get my head back from Hungary where I have been for the last ten days, four days at a conference and 6 days on holiday with S [REDACTED] and B [REDACTED].

Thanks for listening,

Mario.