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Dear Aditi,

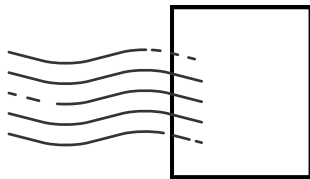
How are you doing? I finally made it! You know I've always wanted to visit Niemeyer's cathedral since we studied Architecture together, and it's even more impressive in person! You may wonder how I ended up here. Obviously, it's not for football or samba. Well, I'm currently working for a sustainable building company.

When this city was built from scratch, it was supposed to be a utopia, but now it's the most unequal city in Latin America and the Caribbean. While working-class citizens live in the deprived outskirts, the wealthy, some of the richest of the country, live in the city centre. This highly segregated urban space results in an exclusionary city model, which perpetuates inequalities.

Urbanisation has the potential to become a positive, transformative force. With proper planning and management, urbanisation can help decrease poverty and inequality by increasing employment opportunities and improving quality of life through better education and healthcare.

Let me know if you have any suggestions on how to tackle this issue.

Miss you,  
Jennie



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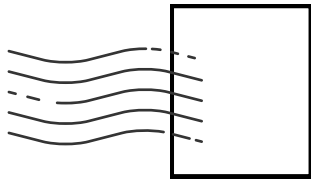
I hope this finds you well. What a misfortune that you broke your arm and couldn't join us on this mountaineering trip! Today we visited Durbar Square, and the Stupa was quite impressive. Tomorrow we'll begin the climbing preparations, and you'll surely be missed then!

Actually, I'm writing to you because I met a volunteer from an NGO that fosters education, and she told me that geographical constraints, poor infrastructure, social and cultural norms, and lack of well-trained teachers are some of the factors that limit access to education for the poorest people here. It's even worse for the girls, especially in rural areas, putting them at a disadvantage.

I was quite moved, and I wonder if you, as a teacher, may have any ideas to improve the situation here.

Best,

Devi



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Dear Lalita,

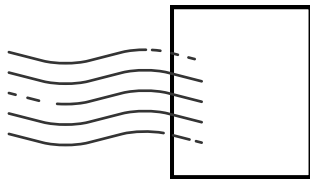
How have you been? I'm abroad again, this time not so far away. Kinda. I'm in the Ganges Delta filming a documentary about how the effects of climate change are more severely affecting the low-income population.

I'm interviewing people who were struck by cyclone Alia in 2009. Most of them work outdoors, and live in coastal and low-lying areas, as their main activity is agriculture. Consequently, they are significantly more exposed to extreme weather conditions, which are linked to injuries and diseases. I'm especially concerned about the situation of women here, as they are mainly responsible for collecting water, and climate change is reducing safe sources.

I'd love to get your input, as I want to include some of the ideas from your projects to reduce inequalities.

Best,

Rahul



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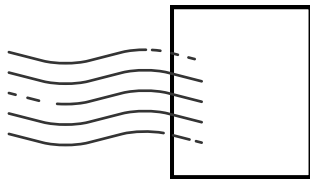
Dear Ravinder,

What's up? We've just returned to this enormous city in the Mekong Delta after spending a few months travelling around the country for our research on the distribution of poverty.

The rural areas are the poorest, but the biggest gap we found is between larger cities and smaller cities or towns. There, poverty is more prevalent and deeper. Access to basic services, education or sanitation, among others, provide better living standards in bigger cities compared to smaller or isolated towns. However, such differences can't be explained only by a city's size or location, suggesting other reasons behind it.

As you work in local administration, I wanted to get your advice on local policies to overcome these inequalities and improve the living conditions of the population, both urban and rural.

Take care,  
Rakesh



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