Cher Pierre,

Je pars, tu viens. Quel dommage. (That is all the French I can do, and it needed help!)

I am sorry that I will not see you here, but I hope the trip is good.

At the moment I am feeling very disillusioned with this programme. I think it was originally well planned. But we still do not really know what is happening in terms of malnutrition, milk is not distributed and less and less children visit the TFCs. It makes me wonder what we are achieving. Similarly, the hospitals use some of the drugs, but we do not know if they use them correctly, and a lot of the equipment remains in storehouses.

I do not want to be too cynical in my report because I believe we have achieved many things, at least feed over 2,000 children. Also I know that my view is influenced at the moment by the difficulties of working in this country. I do not think that you will experience this in two weeks, but lack of freedom, is very oppressive, and everything we do is controlled. As individuals we are puppets, but it is very important that MSF does not become one.

I will be very interested to hear what you think after visiting here. I hope to see you in Paris, at the end of March.

Best wishes, and bon voyage.

Fiona Laird.