

Box 21194, Nairobi
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Dear Teresa and Isabel,

I write you both because of some political ideas (again!) but also something you ~~will~~ both I am sure would like to hear about the Grail in Kenya.

Anne will be writing something much more poetic and profound, but two days ago, the Kenyan Grail was born. I still have hesitation - just because of worry over personality conflicts and a few problems I have had with Elizabeth Kibuywa - but, I do hope that the worry will disappear with time. But, 3 Kenyans asked to become permanent members of the Grail -- though all of them said that they would like to have 2-3 months of formation at Kisikibaha in Tanzania for a real living experience of the Grail (actually 5 women want to go there in May - Elizabeth, Rose, Adelina, Veronica and Maragaret - all single) - but they felt since Anne and I are leaving it would be good to formally have a commitment celebration now. So - we had it and it was lovely. The 4 who made commitments were Mary Busharizi, Elizabeth, Rose, and Veronica (whom you do not know but a very lovely woman). Adelina has decided to wait.

So - that has been something - and I just finished writing a letter to the Election Team to say we should have a poll vote. (those poll votes are absurd - don't you think???) i.e. Brazil, France, Italy getting 2 votes when in Kenya we have 7 full members and 30 participants???)

Anyway, that is really not the main point of writing.

Politics. How much to the right is Portugal going? It seems very extreme to me. Was it partially that there was no coalition to the left? I read in the Gaurdian that the right got 42% of the votes? Was it a big majority really? I also read that another election is to take place in October next year. Can the right ~~and~~ come together very powerfully in that time or not?

My question to you both now - is if you are still in the government and if you think that the procedures I outlined earlier still could be of use -- it is vital that information about each voting station (polling place) needs to be collected for the next election. What I mean is do you have access to knowing each place of voting and the exact numbers of people who voted for each party? Is that public information? If it is fine. If it is not, can you get that information before you are turned out of government? It is critical to know street by street, village by village, what the break down of voting patterns is. Also, it is important to know in detail where people did not vote - who did not turn out to vote. All of this needs to be analysed in preparation for next October.

Or do you do this anyway? Am I sounding like I 'know it all' and that in fact you do this anyway?

In any case, I can go over all of this with you in April and if you do want to get into using these methods of getting out votes - then to have that information would be (is) extremely important.

I hope you are both well. Anne goes to S. Africa for Christmas with her family Dec. 16 - Jan. 16 which we hope will be good, however family tensions might be rather high since Anne has just heard that her neice, Rachael, is engaged to an African. Rachael's parents are very pleased with the young man and like him alot, but the rest of the family might be quite upset -- so - Anne's reunion might be rather more tense than she would like!

I hope you all have a very blessed Christmas that renews your spirits and gives hope for the possibility of the future.

much love,

Sally

shouldn't Portugal have more poll votes?

x USA more?

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