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Dear Teresa and Isabel,
Greetings from Kenya! I have been meaning to write to you both for the past two weeks, but we got caught up in some ideological struggles within the program here - which actually is very healthy. Some of the Kenyans are now seeing more and more clearly how the battle will be fought here and of course, the first battle is within the church - so that has been very interesting to watch. Also, Anne was to go to Nigeria on Oct. 3 - but 5 days before she was to leave the Nigerian embassy here says that they have had to send to Lagos to get approval for her visa (well, the only thing that means is that she had to write on the form that she was born in South Africa --) to make a very, very long story short (I ended up going to their embassy here everyday, trying to call Nigeria - which actually is impossible from here. It is easier for me to have called Europe and then someone in Europe to call Joan) - but - the visa came through at 10 a.m. on October 3 and Anne was to be on the plane at 11 a.m. Well, she missed that plane and went on Oct. 4.

So - we have been busy.

We read bits and pieces in the news about Maria and your situation - but too short -- those killings in the South sounded awful - and I am sure the politics of it all is more than what we can understand from it here. I do hope Maria is well - and the two of you.

But, the main reason I am writing to you both, is first, I think Teresa you will appreciate what I want to share with you. I have the feeling that you and I work rather in similar ways -- and also I write this to Isabel because she wrote that she is now involved in working on the elections.

Now - working on elections is one of the things I love best doing. I did that for three years in Cincinnati - at various times. It really is my favorite type of work - it is my bloodstream - what gives me the most energy. I basically am a politician not an educator (while Anne is a poet and not an educator and not a politician).

Anyway, what I want to share with you, and what has been in my mind to share with you for the past weeks is an election process we used in Cincinnati, (population $1\frac{1}{2}$ million people) which we developed for the McGovern campaign. Yes, I know, he lost so you probably will stop reading right this minute - but wait - keep reading!! I actually think that the basic ideas behind this election process is very sound. Now, of course the cultural differences, ways of approach, need to be thought through very much. I think it is best if I just write up how we went about this - as we did it - I will describe it and let you do the questioning if it could ever work there. (I also wonder whether the USA is putting money into the campaign to the right there - thus - advising on a similar style...hmmm...)

So, know that I am enjoying even writing this up and wishing I could be there to help put it into practice.

Greetings to everyone there - know that we are thinking of you.

with love,

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