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TALKING TO GRIEF



Ah, Grief, I should not treat you
like a homeless dog
who comes to the back door
for a crust, for a meatless bone.
I should trust you.

I should coax you
into the house and give you
your own corner,
a worn mat to lie on,
your own water dish.

You think I don't know you've been living

under my porch.
You long for your real place to be readied
before winter comes. You need
your name,
your collar and tag. You need
the right to warn off intruders,
to consider
my house your own
and me your person
and yourself
my own dog.

[Denise Levertov](#)



Chapter 2014





———— PRAYER REQUESTED ————

For peaceful election as Kenya holds its general election on Tuesday August 8th to elect President, Members of Parliament, Governors, Senators and other political leaders.

———— EDMUND RICE KARIBU CAMPS NAIROBI-EXECUTIVE MEETING ————

Sunday, 6th August, was a busy day for the new executive team of Edmund Rice Karibu Group (ERKG) as they held their first meeting after coming into office early last month. The meeting was held in our Otiende office. In attendance were also Br. Constantine Sande, representing Br. Amandi the Director, and Br. Francis Nkwabi from the Mission Office. John Omondi, the chairperson, led the meeting with discussions concerning social empowerment programs, vocational trainings in skills development, and social interaction activities for our youth.



Br. Sande encouraged us all concerning the importance of partnering with local organizations and participating in exchange programs so that we can be aware of different experiences. He encouraged us to continue with the hard work that everyone recognises in our ministry and to remain united in order to maintain success in our camp activities.

Br. Francis reminded us about the importance of the 'Pillars and Features' of Edmund Rice Ministries East Africa-ERMEA. He encouraged us to strengthen our networking with other ministries and





organizations. He informed us that the mission office is ready to support us in everything that we need.

Plans for post-election activities were also put in place. Future plans were also discussed; one being that Edmund Rice Karibu Group (ERKG) will organize the celebration of the 'African Child Day'. The meeting ended with some fun and sharing of snacks.

Mr Sammy Muga.

———— **EAGLES HAVE LANDED** ————



Brs John Paul, Peter Cole and Chris Munialo

John Paul Oluoch and Chris Munialo, who arrived back from their final profession preparation workshop in Zambia on Sunday 6.8.17, visited Mzee Peter Cole at Otiende. Peter has not been well in recent days, but as usual brightened up with the arrival of visitors.

Br Russell Peters

———— **RUBEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL VISITS JAPAN** ————

Leah Luchinga Isutsa, a grade seven pupil from Ruben Primary School is in Tokyo Japan for an intercultural Summer Festivals dubbed Pangaea. This program is organised by the Nairobi National Museum. Congratulations to you Leah for being selected. We are so proud of you.



Leah and a friend in Japan





CELEBRATING BEING 43



On Saturday evening last, Gerald Mgalula celebrated his 43rd birthday with Peter and Russell (Vincent was in West Africa) who were joined by Tim Lockwood and George Massay. Gerald organized the catering with the assistance of good friends Catherine and Barry and their daughters. Superb culinary gifts were on display.

Br Russell Peters

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| AUGUST | 06 | EDWIN WEKULLO (OP Shillong) |
| | 17 | NICHOLAS ODHIAMBO (Sinon) |
| | 18 | CONSTANTINE SUNDAY (Embulbul) |

CALENDAR

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| August 14-18 | PLT Meeting – Freetown |
| August 23-26 | Child Protection Workshop |
| September 1-3 | DLT Review |
| September 8 | Community Leaders Meeting |
| September 9 | Cluster |
| September 11-15 | Accompaniment Workshop |





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| September 15-17 | Aspirants Discernment weekend |
| September 21-22 | Formation Committee Meeting |
| October 11 | Child Protection Workshop |
| October 20 | Mashujaa Day |
| October 20-22 | Selection of 2018 Postulants |
| November 6-17 | ERI Training Geneva |
| November 8-10 | RSCK AGM |
| November 20-24 | PLT Meeting (Lusaka) |
| November 25 | First Profession (Lusaka) |
| December 12 | Jamhuri Day |
| December 16 | Final Profession of Br Samuel Munyua - Naivasha |

Many blessings

George

