

Note from the Weavers

Dear Friends,

A number of our friends have been asking about the election violence that has been escalating since the results of the presidential election were announced over the weekend. Mary Ann and I are still in Italy where we have enjoyed Christmas and New Years with our son Justin and his family.

We have been monitoring the situation carefully and plan to leave Italy on Saturday to arrive in Kenya on Sunday morning January 6. This is all dependent on what we hear on Friday. We live south of Nairobi and our area has not experienced the violence seen in Nairobi and other major cities.

In brief: the opposition party has accused the government of rigging the presidential election and refuses to accept the results. This has led to tribal violence with over 300 people losing their lives. Homes, cars and shops have been set on fire and all the major towns have had gangs of people playing a cat and mouse game with the police. World leaders are calling for calm and dialogue and we are praying that this will begin to happen before the situation gets any worse.

I've put some links below that will give you some of the local newspapers and enable you to keep up with what is happening.

<http://www.nationmedia.com/dailynation/nmgindex.asp>

<http://estandard.net/>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/default.stm>

http://www.economist.com/world/africa/displaystory.cfm?story_id=10438473