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Dear American Friends

On behalf of all at LEAP I wish to congratulate you and your country on the huge shift that seems to be happening and is reflected in the incredibly positive and human-spirited inauguration of your new President, Mr Barack Obama. His attitude, his words and the response of the people of his country reflect real hope and a real commitment to a return to basic human values. What an inspiring process! What an inspiring man! Is it not wonderful for us all to be able to hold on hopefully to the words and the values that are being reclaimed for all of us, both within your country and in the world?

Nelson Mandela said the following in his letter to your president: "Your election to this high office has inspired people as few other events in recent times have done. Amongst many around the world a sense of hopelessness had set in as so many problems remain unresolved and seemingly incapable of being resolved. You Mister President have brought a new voice of hope that these problems can be addressed and that we can in fact change the world and make of it a better place."

We are looking forward to our visit to your country starting next week and certainly our arrival could not have been timed better in terms of the mood and the excitement and the energy that is so visible in your country at the moment.

Congratulations and we look forward to direct contact with each of you during the next few weeks.

Stay well



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