

Haberi from Mukumu, Kenya.

Our travel to Kenya started as we boarded our KLM flight in Montreal on June 29th. and finally landed in Kisumu three flights and 41 hours later! Our administrator Peter and his wife Jasmin kindly met us at the airport and we got our first introduction to what the road conditions are this year as we drove to Mukumu – which now takes double the time it used to with 10



times more bumps, ruts, dust & traffic.

It was great fun getting reacquainted with friends who stopped by to say hi on our first full day.

The next day Fr. Paul was very proud to show off his new **cow facility** at his Emalindi Parish.

As we were walking back to Fr. Paul's house for lunch we were drawn to his beautiful church by the angelic singing voices of a group of nuns preparing for a pilgrimage. Luckily for us they did not mind if we all sat to listen for a while - what a treat.

We really enjoyed a working visit with Susan and Esther at their office in Malava. It was great to see how the office had progressed since we last saw it in October. We did a cost analysis for a project, that had been approved in principle for the young teenaged girls in our Educational Support group. Traditionally these girls miss two to three days of school each month due to a lack of sanitary materials. We then went out and purchased everything needed for the girls for the year. These products will be handed out on Sunday to each girl.

While reviewing the students in the program it was brought to our attention that we would not have the opportunity to see all of the students who are in boarding schools. Luckily it was visiting day at the boarding schools so we rushed to see **Kingsley** – a very special boy we had met last year. We were thrilled to see how well he was doing and to hear Brother Eric singing his praises. He is a very lucky boy to be at such a wonderful school.

Due to the fact that the container has still not been released – we took the opportunity on Sunday to go with John, our trusted driver, and his son Roy to Kisii – a three and a half hour drive from Mukumu. We purchased many great Kisii items that we will gladly show everyone at our African Market/Pasta Dinner in October. During our time in Kisii Wendy grabbed the opportunity to be taught some of the finer points of polishing the sculptures in final preparation for sale. It created quite a stir to find a muzungu (a white person) with her hands in the water and polishing with sand paper!

Monday we spent the morning meeting once again with Peter and he then took us on a tour of the hospital grounds – we passed on visiting the morgue! We did however get to see the new x-ray equipment that had been purchased for the dental unit at the hospital. Thanks to Dr. Anne Weary and her staff patients will no longer have to travel over an hour for this diagnostic service.



The next day we were pleased to drive to Emalindi once again and to meet the cow that had been delivered. Unfortunately we were warned not to get too attached to her because she is going to be returned. She was supposed to be “in calf” but upon examination it was determined that she is just plump and broad in the beam!

We spent the remainder of the day at the Beraldo Medical Centre.....

We met little Alice who was visiting the clinic because she had a very bad cough. We spend some time trying to bring the financial records up to date in preparation for an upcoming audit – not an easy task.

That is about it for our travelogue for now.

We hope all is well in Canada and hope that the next time we write we will be up to our necks with boxes etc. from the container.

Thanks for all your encouraging notes.

Bye for now,

Wendy & Michele



Bringing a smile to Alice with a little doll knitted by Amanda from the Maxwell Residence.