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Habari from Kenya

As we sit on our porch over looking the Nandi Hills in Kakamega we have no idea when this letter will get sent on its way to Canada. Internet connections have been very sporadic since when arrived in Kakamega.

Our trip has been going very well and it has been great to rekindle our many friendships here.

We stayed in Nairobi for a couple of days and as usual we were enthralled with all the foreign visitors that popped in daily at Mill Hill Guest House. We never knew who our meal companions would be. We always enjoyed informative and insightful conversations.

One morning we headed out to visit another Canadian based NGO that works with vulnerable children from the slums of Lenana – a district in Nairobi. As we often do in Kenya, we got lost on the way and stopped in to ask for directions at a facility called Heshima & were welcomed by an American born woman by the name of Tracey Hagman. She and her family have lived in Nairobi since 2002. Heshima means “dignity” in Swahili and the motto of the centre is “to bring dignity to disabled children and their mothers”. What a great happenstance. We think we have made yet another great connection in Kenya. We hope to have time to return for a visit.

Following a quick chat with Tracey we had to leave to get to our intended destination at the Hanne Howard Fund facility where fifty plus children were waiting to see us. Luckily for us the children were still on their break and not in school at the time. We were welcomed by Lucy, Isaiah and Duncan and an enthusiastic group of children from lower primary school age to graduates. We will have pictures of the day on our website shortly after our return home.



One of the highlights of the day was teaching everyone some of the many games to be used with a parachute that had been donated by Rachel Wilson of Clearpoint Elementary School in Pointe Claire.

Thank you Rachel – you can't imagine the joy that was shared by everyone – children and adults alike!
The staff we met are an amazing group of young dedicated people who obviously love working with the children in an exciting, innovative environment.



Following our annual visit to the David Sheldrick Elephant Sanctuary and the Giraffe Centre we left for Kisumu and the Mill Hill Guest house there. We were fortunate to be on time to bid a fond farewell to Fr. Hans Bergman as he was preparing to return home to the Netherlands to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

We first met Fr. Hans in 2009 and have relished what little time we actually had to spend with this great & wise 88 year old philosopher, theologian, author and amateur comedian. We wish him well on his future adventures. We will sign off for now and hope that we can come across an internet connection soon,

Bye for now, Wendy & Michele

