



Well, I finally made it to Tanzania! I took three suitcases and my back-pack on the journey. I left Dulles International Airport at 10:55 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, ready for my new adventure. The flight to Dubai was 13 hours long, plus an 8 hour time change. I was in the Dubai airport for 2 ½ hours, waiting for my flight to



Dar es Salaam (the largest city in Tanzania). The flight to Dar es Salaam was 5 hours long, but I gained an hour in time, as Tanzania is 7 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. I was greeted enthusiastically and warmly by Fr. Andrzej, C.R. and Br. Mosses, C.R. It only took about an hour going through customs and immigration, although the computer system shut down as I put my hand on the scanner for finger prints. It was difficult to hear in the airport, but the immigration person said that there was a technical difficulty. I thought, “Oh no! I am rejected!” But, then I realized that it was a system problem, not a Jim Donohue problem! Br. Mosses presented me with a Tanzanian scarf. Fr. Andrzej and Br. Mosses and I then drove to Morogoro in about 5 hours. The traffic was bad and we had an unexpected rain storm as well, but we made it.

I was greeted with much kindness when we arrived at the Resurrection Formation House. I knew I was home when we pulled up to the gate and I saw the Risen Lord with extended arms of welcome. The students were waiting patiently



for our arrival from Dar es Salaam. They gave me a traditional robe and walking stick as a shepherd might have. There was much music and singing and laughter as I was welcomed into the midst of this community.



I wonder how people will receive me if I wear my traditional Tanzanian clothing when I return to North America??? Maybe I will get a bit more respect!!!! Considering I had been travelling for over 30 hours, I was still holding up well at this point.

From left to right, you can see Gervas, Joseph, Peter, Leons, Francis, Mosses (behind the King!), Phillip, Michael, Yohana, and Vitalis. Gervas, Peter, Leonis, Francis, and Michael are candidates for our Novitiate that will take place in Butiama, beginning September 15. I will stay with Br. Mosses and the other professed priesthood candidates (Phillip, Vitalis, Yohana, and Joseph) in



Morogoro. There are 4 other seminarians who have been living and studying in Morogoro, who will also begin Novitiate. They are currently visiting their families, so I have not yet met them.

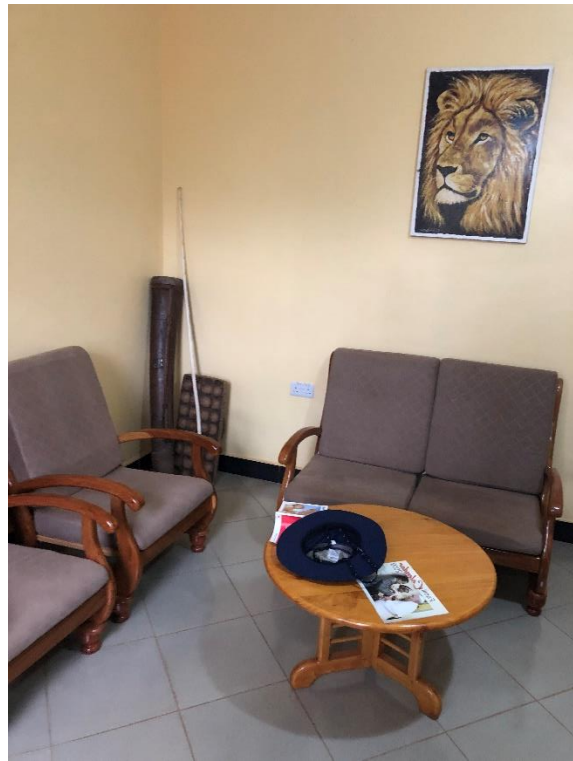
I was taken to my new room and, again, was treated to a delightful welcome. It was amazing to have such a welcome, coming to a new place.



We ate dinner and I had time to unpack most of my things. Since I was so tired, I thought I would go right to sleep. However, I felt like I did not sleep at all! I had this dream that I had returned to North America and was trying to get back to Tanzania. But, nothing would work: no one would help me, and I could not get a ticket, and once I did, I could not print it out, and then I lost my passport and no one would help me get a new one, and on and on. When the alarm went off I did not know where I was and quickly realized that I was still in Tanzania! What a relief. I will have to ask my Mount colleagues in the Psychology Department at Mount St. Mary's to help me analyze that dream! We had prayers at 5:45 a.m., but

I must have dozed off, and came late at about 6:15 a.m. Clearly, I was not making a strong first impression!

Here are a few photos of my rooms. I have a sitting room/office, bedroom and bathroom. The office has a desk and some easy chairs. The bathroom is, well,





a bathroom, with sink, toilet and shower. (By the way, don't look at the man in the mirror!!!!) The water is heated in this tank... it takes about 5 minutes to heat up for the shower.



The bedroom contains a bed and ample closet space. The mosquito netting keeps the bugs away in the evening! Notice, I have everything I need on my little night

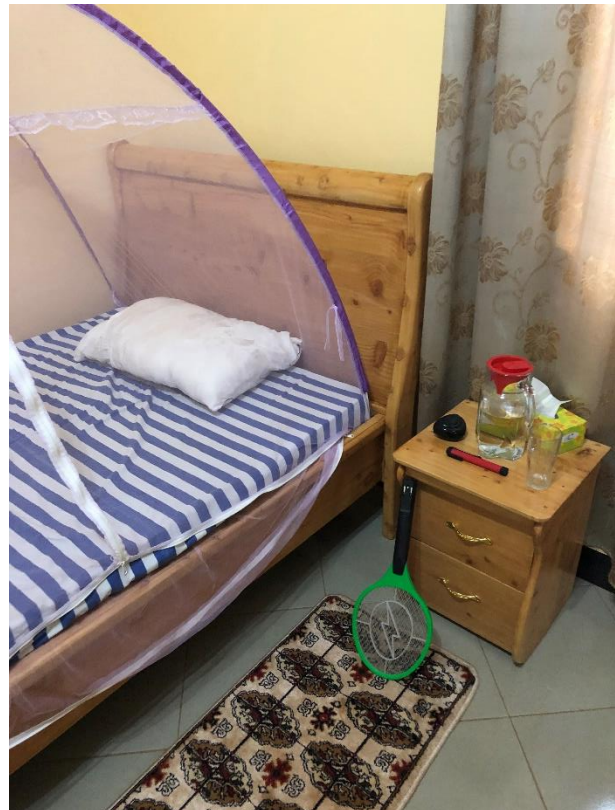


table ... alarm clock, water, tissues, flashlight, and mosquito exterminator!

There are 3 buildings on the Resurrection formation property. One is the chapel, another is the residence for the seminarians, and the third is the dining room,



kitchen, and rooms for Fr. Andrzej and me. Here is a photo of the layout. The chapel is on the left, the seminarian residence is in middle, and the dining room and priests' rooms are on the right.





This is a photo of the gate that leads into the formation house property. The bottom photo is of the building with the dining room and priests' rooms





The chapel is very beautiful, outside and inside. Bottom right photo is of the painting on the altar front.



The seminarians work hard to make the grounds look beautiful. Hopefully, I will have photos of people in the next blog!



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