



I mentioned that I was greeted at the airport by Fr. Andrzej and Br. Mosses, but I forgot to mention that Br. Mosses gave me a special scarf upon my arrival.





The plane in the background is the one that I occupied from Dubai to Dar es Salaam. It was dark when we arrived at the Morogoro, but that did not dampen any enthusiasm.



*From right to left: Br. Mosses, Vitalis, Leons, Michael, and Peter (with the staff).*



I also forgot to mention that the seminarians made a special cake for my arrival!



*Mosses, Phillip, Vitalis and Yohana look on as I “cut the cake!” (That is my room with the blue sign on the door.)*

The dining room is situated in the same building as the two priests' rooms and the kitchen.



Our cook, Pendo—whose name means “love”—looks after us by preparing wonderful meals. We have rice at most meals at 1:00 and 7:00, with a meat stew





twice a week and fish twice a week. On the other days we have either beans or peas to go with the rice. A vegetable is also served, such as cabbage, but we also have had green beans and tomatoes. Dessert is fruit; so far we have had oranges, grapefruit, avocado, papaya, and watermelon. For breakfast at 7:30, I usually have a piece of bread—we have a bread making machine—with local peanut butter and local honey, with a cup of tea.

The seminarians really keep the grounds looking great as they weed, rake, and water. In the background, you can see one of several huge water storage tanks that are used for watering and cleaning outside and for showering and cleaning inside.



For drinking water, we have a well that provides excellent water that anyone can safely drink. So, that is what we usually have as a beverage at all our meals. We are lucky to have this well, as water is difficult to come by for many people. People often have to buy it in large yellow containers (which were used for other things) from people who balance several of them on at a time on their bicycle.



The main road from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro is tarmac, but the roads off the tarmac are in very poor condition. These are roads just outside our house.







Everyone says that the roads are far worse in the rainy seasons because they turn to mud. The soil is a red sandish clay, and cars and trucks turn up a great deal of dust when they drive by. This dust also blows into the open windows of the house, so we seem to be always “cleaning against nature!” The temperature is usually 29-33 celsius (85-92 F) and there is a breeze most days. (I was much hotter in Rome this summer than I am here!)

We have a beautiful mountain within our sky line...reminds me of The Mount!









I am looking forward to writing some more blogs right away, so stayed tuned! I need to write about a visit to the market, the renewal of vows of our professed seminarians on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and a visit to Jordan Catholic University where our seminarians study.



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