



Saturday is the day that we usually go to the outdoor market to buy fruit and vegetables for the week. There are two markets that we use, but one is much bigger than the other. I went with Fr. Andrzej and Michael on my first Saturday. It is hard to describe the immensity of the market with all the different stalls under rigged-up canopies used for cover. Fruits include pineapples, mangoes, papaya, oranges, grapefruits, coconuts, watermelons, avocados and bananas (of which there are many kinds). Vegetables include potatoes, carrots, peas, green beans, tomatoes, cabbage, spinach, and ochre. You can also buy huge bags of rice and beans, as well as spices and flour.







*Here, Michael is pointing out the kind of beans that we want!*





Here, you can see different potatoes. In the background is a mound of sardines that are harvested from Lake Victoria and are dried before sale.

We usually have the sardines in a tomato-type stew with *ugali*, a stiff dough made of cassava flour, cornmeal (maize), millet, or sorghum. With this is usually served a type of cabbage salad that is something between what I am used to having as cabbage salad and sauerkraut. To be honest, it is not one of my favorite meals, but I am eating some each meal! I try not to look at the little eyes of the sardines as they stare up at me from my plate!!! My favorite meal is chicken legs and wings with rice, and a tomato onion salad.

The fruit is great. Every lunch (1:00 p.m.) and dinner (7:30 p.m.) we have some fruit. My favorite is mangoes.







Above, you can see that Michael is deciding how many peas we should buy, while below Fr. Andrzej is paying for our tomato purchase.





At this point, I am a happy onlooker of all the purchases!







This is a photo of the parking area outside the market, which is to the left. There are more motorcycles and bicycles than cars.





We usually buy some beef or chicken, and some fish just outside the vegetable market.



We are able to load everything into our Resurrection van...notice the unique CR in Africa insignia.



On a sadder note, shortly after I arrived, there was a terrible accident in Morogoro. Trying to avoid a motorcycle or bicycle, the driver of a tanker truck swerved and lost control of his vehicle and it overturned. Fuel started spilling out everywhere. Instead of staying a safe distance away, people started to try to gather the fuel in buckets and containers of every sort. Unfortunately, a spark from a nearby battery or a cinder from a nearby cooking fire, set the fuel aflame. In the largest accident of its kind in Tanzania, at least 89 people were killed and another 55 people were injured and rushed to various hospitals with terrible burns. This road is the major connector between Morogoro and Dar es Salaam, so it is always busy with a variety of very different modes of transportation all using the same road: regular trucks, tanker trucks, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians. I am sure that you could find more information if you googled it. It impressed upon me how people, who are in desperate situations, are willing to take extremely high risks because of their great needs. We continue to pray for the victims and those who are hospitalized.



*Photo by Juma, August 10, 2019.*



On a more positive note, I have an update on our feline friend. I checked with people last night at dinner and they liked the name “Hope.” A few blog readers sent this suggestion to me and I liked it. Then, yesterday, Fr. Andrzej and I were walking and we encountered our friend. Right away, he rolled over, and Fr. Andrzej said, “He lives in hope that someone will stroke him.” That seemed to clinch it for me! So, Hope it is!



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