



We are trying to be careful as the number of COVID-19 cases rise in Tanzania. Thankfully, sanitizers have become available again. I also bought some face masks yesterday in case we need them. To be safe, I think I will pick up more masks when I am next in Morogoro. Who would have ever thought that hand sanitizers and face masks would be news worthy?



I had a number of people inquire if we were able to eat all the fruit and vegetables that we purchase each week. Well, here is a photo of the shelves before I went to the market the next Friday. All that was left were some limes and oranges, some red onions and a cabbage! We are all growing boys here!!!! 😊 😊 😊



Since schools are still closed, with no opening in sight, we decided that we would work on some “projects” in our formation house. We finished one project just before Easter. We had a very muddy area around where we wash our clothes, and this mud would get tracked everywhere. You can see the mud below in this photo.



So, we decided that we would extend some of the bricks to cover over this area. There is a friend of ours, Andrew, who wanted to take driving lessons, so we worked out a deal where he would help us with the technical issues and we would help him with his driving lessons. He brought a friend of his and the two of them were able to level the area, lay down plastic sheeting and sand, and then install the bricks. The seminarians did the heavy lifting with the wheel barrels of sand and carrying the bricks to the work area.



We needed to make three trips with the pick-up truck to get the bricks and stack them for the project. Then, we needed to do the preparation work before installing the bricks.



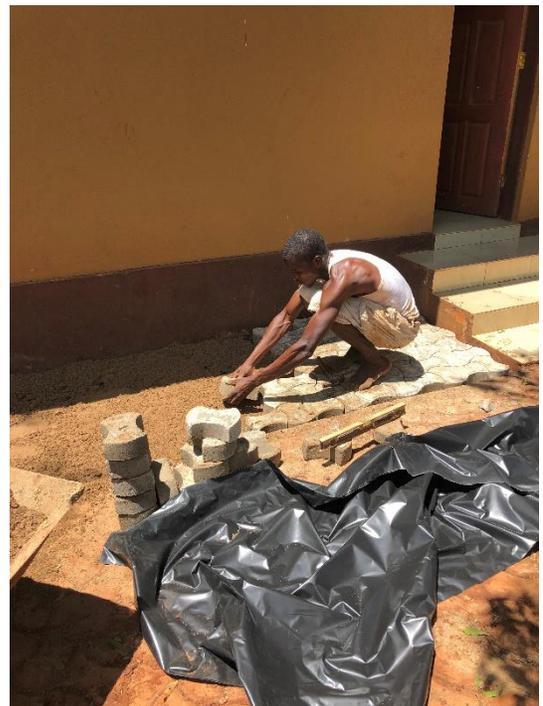
At one point, Phillip thought that he was supervising...hmmm...that is my job!!!! By the way, poor Phillip has been in a tough spot. He has his comprehensive exams that have not yet been postponed, even though we think they will be postponed. The students do not use books for their studies. Here the professors lecture for hours and the students take notes and then discuss in groups to prepare

for their examinations. But, since the formation houses are under a type of quarantine, the 4th year theology students cannot gather together to study. Some of the formation houses are large—for instance, the Claretians have eight 4th year students and a library—but Phillip is by himself and we have no library to speak of. So, Phillip and I have been meeting for about 3 hours a day to prepare the 30 questions that he may be asked to answer. The questions cover Scripture, Liturgy and Sacraments, Systematics, and Moral Theology (although for some reason I do not quite understand, the Moral Theology questions will, most likely, not be asked).



Phillip does have a good supervisor's pose, but I told him to go back to his exam preparations—besides we only need ONE supervisor!

Andrew did a wonderful job laying the foundations for the bricks. He really knows what he is doing!



The finished product looks good and the extra bricks will really help to cut down on the mud.



And, guess who had to check everything out to give the final approval—yes, Hope!



A new project we now are working on is to repair our volleyball court. We had enough seminarians last year to enter the seminarian league, but last year we only had 5 players. But, after the novices take their vows, our numbers will swell, and we want to be ready. We are thinking that if we do a good enough job, we will even be able to host some of the games at our formation house. We bought some tools and we have begun the project!





You can see that this is serious work...but I am not exactly sure what Br. Mosses is about to do! Yikes! You will have to stay tuned for the *end* of this project...!

