

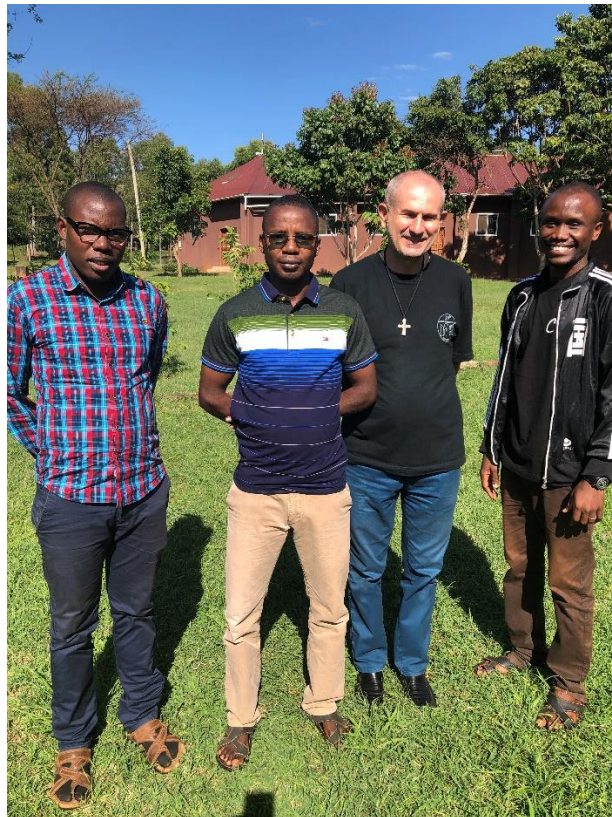


Phillip, Yohana, Vitalis and I left for Butiama and Buhemba (near Lake Victoria) to visit Fr. Daniel, Fr. Andrzej and our 10 novices on May 16th. However, before we left, we had one more birthday celebration in Morogoro since the last blog: Peter China celebrated his birthday on May 15th. We had cake and ice cream—big surprise!—and Peter was given a new shirt as a gift. Peter is from Fr. Daniel’s parish in Butiama and is living with us as he finishes Form Four at Alfa Gems Secondary School.





Mosses and Joseph volunteered to stay in Morogoro to look after things while we were away. We left at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and, after driving 24 hours straight, we arrived in Butiama in time for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Right after



Mass, we drove about 30 minutes to our parish in Buhemba, where Yohana, Phillip and Vitalis were re-united with their Novice Director and former Rector, Fr. Andrzej Duda, C.R.

After presiding at Mass in Swahili in the parish, I led a class for the novices about the history of the Ontario-Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection. Then, Phillip, Vitalis, Selestine, Fr. Andrzej, and I drove to one of the outstations to have lunch at the house of the local catechist. It was a short drive, so some traveled in the back of the pick-up! YIKES! 😬 😬 😬



We first stopped in the village to pick up some fruit—oranges, pineapple, watermelon, and bananas—for our hosts. The village is very poor.



We were treated royally by our hosts who had prepared poultry, goat, beef, ugali, vegetables, and fruit for us. Then we took many photos of our gathering!



The catechist is the son and step-brother of our seminarian, Joseph, so I was able to meet Joseph's father, who lives next door.



Then we drove the widow of a long-time, now-deceased, catechist to her home for a blessing of her home. I was able to hold a baby goat for this photo.



When we returned to Buhemba we had another celebration because it was Selestine's name's day and Fr. Andrzej's 30th anniversary of priestly ordination.





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