



The travel in Tanzania is slow because as you drive, you must pass through many small villages where the speed limit is strictly enforced at 50 km/hr.



As you pass through the villages, you catch a glimpse of the difficult lives that most people experience in a poor country like Tanzania.









*The men in this photo are spreading rice on pieces of plastic so that it will dry in the sun.*





*Students walking home after school.*



As we drove closer to Butiama, we passed the edge of the Serengeti National Park. If you are lucky, you will see some of the animals that have wandered to the edge of the park. All of a sudden we saw an elephant trying to cross the road. (I know that there is a joke in there somewhere!)



It turns out that there were about 30 elephants and it seemed that they were all males searching for water.







After 2 days of flying (Friday and Saturday), a 5 hour drive to Morogoro (Sunday), and a two day drive to Butiama (Monday and Tuesday), we arrived at our destination. Deacon Yohana greeted us. He currently is ministering in Buhemba.







*We enjoyed a meal with Laurence (diocesan seminarian from the parish in Butiama), Fr. Jim, C.R., Fr. Andrzej, C.R., Fr. Daniel Hinc, C.R. (pastor of the parish), Fr. Paul, C.R., Deacon Yohana, C.R., and Lamech (a brother candidate in catechetical school).*

As the pastor, Fr. Daniel was responsible for planning and organizing the ordination celebration. Br. Moses, Yohana and Phillip were with me when I was at the formation house in Morogoro. Br. Moses, C.R. is currently ministering at this parish and he was a big part of the planning and organization. Br. Moses spent 6 months at the parish in Buhemba, but now is at the parish in Butiama. One of his many tasks is to teach a course called Bible Knowledge at the two local secondary schools. Yohana was ordained a deacon in June and is about to begin his pastoral year ministering at the parish in Buhemba. Phillip will be ordained a priest on August 12 and will be assigned to minister at the parish in Butiama. It is great to see three of the seminarians I was with in Morogoro moving on in their formation and ministry. I am very proud of them and their accomplishments





I brought a gift for Fr. Daniel. Hopefully, he likes my taste in shirts! He had a surprise for me. He wanted to take me behind the rectory to see a new born calf. It was only a few hours old. Fr. Daniel indicated that it was a BIG calf.



