



Following the ordination, we were treated to all kinds of festivities: dancing, singing...and more! First, people processed/danced by to offer gifts to Phillip.



*Notice the beautiful dresses...all of which are handmade by the women.*



Next, we had a variety of dancers with drums and elaborate dancing moves.



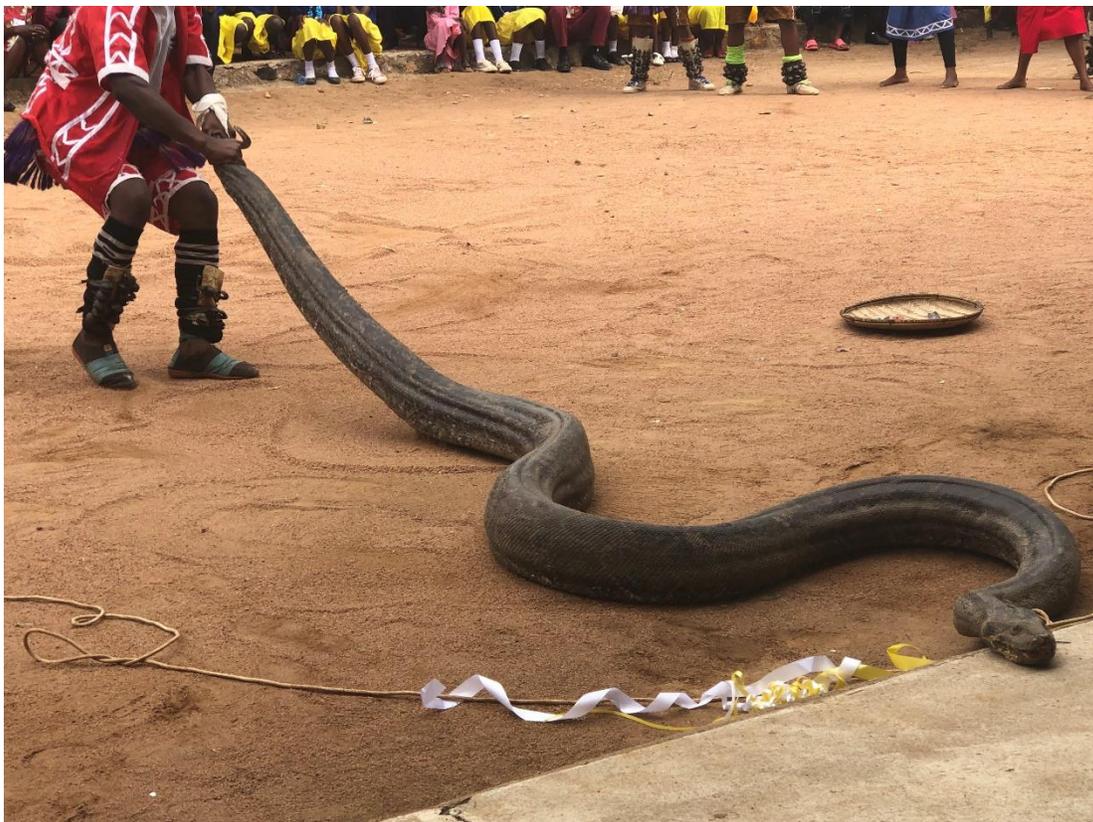
Without doubt the most memorable part of the entertainment were dancers who brought a crate with them. Towards the end of their dancing, they opened the crate to reveal two pythons...one of which was very large!



At first the larger python was distracted by the dancers. But then the dancers did not seem to be paying much attention to it. I noticed that the larger python was getting incredibly close to me so I threw a napkin in the direction of Fr. Paul and it changed course and started toward him! The expression on Fr. Paul's face was a mixture of shock, fear and betrayal. I felt a bit guilty, but sometimes you just have to protect yourself! I was thinking that the Superior General is an important person in the community, but we do have a Vicar General who could step in to replace him. But, if something were to happen to me, who would teach my courses? So, all in all, it seemed like a good and prudent move on my part. (My next assignment might be somewhere in the Arctic Circle.)



Luckily for Fr. Paul, they decided to pull the snake back into the courtyard.





*More incredible dancing with singing and musical accompaniment.*



*Fr. Phillip's family greet him with gifts.*



One of the gifts was a goat...Phillip actually received several animals as gifts.



At the end of the entertainment, we moved inside for a meal and the cutting of the cake.

