



Fr. Andrzej is about to leave for a long overdue vacation to Poland. That is one of the reasons that Fr. Paul Szymanowski came to Tanzania; he will replace Fr. Andrzej for two months at the Formation House in Morogoro. I warned Fr. Paul, however, that the seminarians really like him and it might not be that easy for him to leave.



One other development in Buhemba is that Fr. Maciej is in the process of building a radio station. In fact, Fr. Maciej has a degree in Communications and first came to Tanzania to work in radio communications. The studio is almost finished and then he will go through the process of getting a radio license.





Fr. Maciej continued the tour showing us different parts of the Resurrection Primary School. Three buses help to pick up children in the surrounding area. Fr. Maciej is adding a grade each year to the primary school. The students receive a great education, and now they will be able to use the sports complex as well: healthy mind, body and spirit!



Once at school, the children are given some breakfast and then a substantial lunch. This is the majority of daily food for many of the children. Given this, Fr. Maciej employs several full-time cooks who prepare and serve the food to the children in the dining hall. The school was quiet on the days I was there because of Fr. Phillip's ordination.



*Fr. Maciej's dog, Kjik*



A few of the seminarians would attend Fr. Phillip’s first Mass in his home village, but most of them would stay in Buhemba before going on vacation or returning to the Formation House in Morogoro. They would all renew their temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience on Sunday, August 15. So, a few seminarians (Gervas, Francis and Leonsi) showed up on August 14.



We never like to miss an opportunity to celebrate. It turns out that the next day was Fr. Paul's and Francis' birthdays. Since Fr. Paul was leaving very early the next morning to travel to Fr. Phillip's first Mass, we had a cake for him and Francis that night.



*With the number of candles on the cake, I kept my eye on the location of the fire extinguisher.*





*Fr. Paul and Francis celebrating their birthdays.*



The next morning I had Mass in Swahili at the parish. There was a wedding later in the morning. Br. Michael played a trick on Fr. Andrzej, telling him that I officiated at the wedding after Mass! Fr. Andrzej “fell for it” but quickly realized that this would be a stretch for me!



*Fr. Jim with the bride and her family. Though a tad underdressed my shirt color matched one of the dresses!*





*Fr. Jim with the groom and his little brother.*