

Message 1. October 16-19, 2022. Journey to western Kenya.

Greetings to all from warm Kenya. I am grateful that Janet, my neighbor was able to give me a ride to the bus station. Then took a bus to Boston Airport. The rules have changed and instead of having buses deliver people to the departure level at the airport, they now must deliver only to the arrivals level, which means you have to carry your luggage up a flight of stairs. I was grateful to have the bus driver, when he saw my large heavy bags, tell me to wait a second, and he fetched a cart for me and told me where to get the elevator (lift)! Then at the booth where luggage is weighed, they accepted all my bags, as two were slightly overweight. What a blessing to have no hassles before boarding the plane.

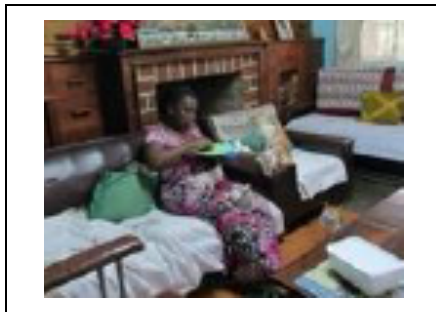
Flew via Paris and arrived in Nairobi after 9PM. Judith and Clyde came to meet me, took me to their home, fed me some Kenyan chai and vegetables, and we all slept a couple hours, By 5:30am Judith drove me to the bus station in downtown Nairobi. The Jacaranda trees were in full bloom (a lilac color).

I rode in Easy Coach bus for 8 hours to Kaimosi. Saw zebra and gazelles, but also a lot of new building developments along the highway. Elizabeth Mulimi's husband met me at the Cheptulu station, drove me to FTC in Kaimosi ,where I delivered a full suitcase of gowns plus some medicines. The four staff who watched the unpacking eagerly tried on the gowns for size. They were delighted to get maroon-colored ones- that make for a colorful ceremony, thanks to the Harrisville, NH Episcopal church. I then was served a delicious Kenyan meal of tilapia fish, cooked greens, and chapatis that were orange with pumpkin.

I slept for 11 hours, and felt ready to start afresh. I was given a lift to Chavakali, and took matatus to Kakamega where my namesake, Marian Irungu Malenje, met me and escorted me to Ebwambwa after a quick visit to the local Safaricom store to get my phones reregistered and working. Had welcoming tea with Marian, Elizabeth, and their family of cats/kittens. Can you count the number of kittens/cats?



*Elizabeth Mulimi*



*Marian and kittens/cats*

In case any of you need to phone me, my numbers are:  
011 254 718 417 766 or 011 254 796 400 004.

Thanks to all of you who sent messages of support which enabled the long, but peaceful journey to western Kenya. In gratitude, Marian