IT Teambuilding Event - Nairobi, Kenya 🎟

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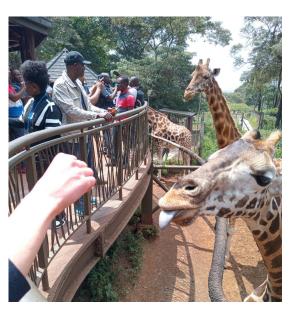
"Asante Sana" (Thank you very much) First Presbyterian Church Villa Rica!!!

We had our teambuilding event today. Two buses collected us — all 42 of us, from 17 countries — from our conference center in Ruiru, Kenya to take us to Nairobi.

First, we went to the Giraffe Center where we learned about the endangered Rothchild Giraffes of Kenya. Since the Giraffe Center and its breeding program were founded in 1979 the number of Rothchild Giraffes has grown from 130 to over 1,000. We also learned about many programs at the center which save them money such as treating waste water with plants to reuse to flush toilets, making charcoal briquettes instead of buying them, making compost instead of buying fertilizer. We thought these were good ideas for ourselves.



The shin bone of a giraffe, Very heavy!



Feeding the giraffes

Next, we took our buses to Nairobi National Park where our guide showed us many kinds of animals of Kenya — crocodiles, a lion, a leopard — who was hard to see hiding in a tree —, wildebeasts, cape buffalo, rhino, Thompson gazelle, antelope, wart hogs, black and white colobus monkeys and baboons.



Walking on the boardwalk above the savannah



A baboon posing for photos for us

Next we went to a convent for lunch. We were served many nice things including pumpkin soup and fresh mango for each of us. We were very well fed. We stopped at Junction Mall for shopping for gifts to bring home to our families and coworkers and then we returned to Ruiru.



On the bus

The next day at church we gave special thanks to Sheryl Nelson and her colleague from the US, Kate Brenner, for their part in making this day possible for us. (Note that Sheryl Nelson especially would rather stay anonymous, but we made speeches and everyone shook their hands to say thank you).



Group Photo at the conference center in Ruiru. Note: a statue of a giraffe, not a real one, behind in background.

Bill, Omonge, Essaie, Maglore, Tyler, Antony, Richmond, Allen, Ezekia, David, Richard, Stephane, Martijn, Sarel, Salomon, David,

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