

Martha Muhindo's Moments...

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From Kenya to Switzerland...

Dear Family and friends,

It's time to catch you all up on what I've been doing recently. Grab a coffee or tea and let's enjoy a visit.



In June, I spent 10 days in Wilderswil Switzerland at a missionary retreat with about 50 other missionar-

ies. I enjoyed this wonderful time of rest and refreshment. It was a treat to spend some time in the mountains, and visit the local sights! And yes, this

particular day it was very cold! (especially for my African blood!)

"Home" for 4 months...

It was so nice to be "home" again. I soaked up every moment with family. My Mom and sisters and I spent hours working together in the gardens, flower beds and kitchen. Anything you could imagine doing with tomatoes we did it! The freezers and cold cellars are well stocked again for winter.

I was great reconnecting with friends over meals, so many changes for everyone over these 14 years.

This was my first Thanksgiving in Canada for 11 years. We celebrated with the traditional meal but in a new location—my sisters barn loft. So very many things to be thankful for!

I had opportunities to share SIM Kenya's ministries and needs with various groups in my time "home" as well. It was so encouraging to hear and see what God is doing in my own country too .

Each day we had time together as a group, talking about various issues faced on the mission field. We all had personal time with a counselor each day as well. And the icing on the cake—2 massages :)

This time away reminded me again what an amazing God I serve. From the grandeur of his breath taking mountain creation to the healing balm of being able to spend time together with others going through similar ministry experiences; it was the refreshment that I needed to be able to "Breathe" again.



Praise Points

- FOR A WONDERFUL RETREAT IN SWITZERLAND!
- FOR GREAT VISITS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- FOR RENEWAL OF SPIRIT AND REFRESHMENT OF BODY

Prayer Points

- FOR BALANCE AS I START BACK INTO WORK—WORK, LANGUAGE, REST
- FOR PERSEVERANCE AND COURAGE IN LANGUAGE LEARNING—THAT I WILL PRACTICE SPEAKING DAILY.
- FOR WISDOM AS I CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH MY RELATIONSHIP WITH OLEC.
- THAT I WOULD BE A BLESSING TO MY TEAM AND THOSE I MEET EACH DAY.

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“Home”... where is it??

The question that I got asked the most was “where is home?” It wasn’t an easy one to answer.

I’m proud to be a Canadian. We are as widely accepted around the world as Visa and Mastercard! My family and many precious friends and memories are there, yet it isn’t quite “home” anymore.

I’ve been in Africa now for 14 years. This is where I believe that God has called me to work and live and serve Him. I’m learning the language and culture but I will never truly fit in here as a foreigner so it doesn’t quite feel like “home” either.

While it feels a bit unsettled to not have a “home” right now, the older I get the more I’m ok with that. I’m just a visitor here, just passing through for a time and I don’t want to get so comfortable that I don’t want to leave. One day (maybe sooner than later as I’ve been reminded of this summer with the passing of a number of friends) I’ll be “home to stay” in heaven with my Saviour and Father, with many family and friends. That will be a reunion to look forward too. Ask me about my “HOME” I’ll be glad to tell you more...

What’s next???

I arrived back in Kenya on Nov 4th. I took a few days to get settled back into my apartment, restocking the fridge and getting things turned back on. I started working this week and jumped back into my role as Personnel Coordinator with both feet. It’s good to be back and being part of this great team again. It will take me a couple weeks to get caught up with things and then... it’s Christmas—so hard to believe!

In January I hope to start back with some time of language learning. I’m bound and determined to learn this language!!

Special time with special friends...

I’m so thankful that I’ve had a chance to reconnect with so many friends on this Home Assignment. The Simfukwes were a special treat. We worked together in Zambia but haven’t been face to face since their wedding 5 years ago. I was able to get down to the Toronto office when they were passing through for their own Home Assignment. It was just like old times, sitting down to a Zambian dinner and catching up on people we all knew. I was delighted to also meet their son whom I’d only met on Facebook. We didn’t have a long visit but I left them feeling very blessed by the time we had.

God has blessed me with many wonderful friends!

Thank you for sharing your lives with me and allowing me to share mine with you. Let’s continue to hold each other up in prayer.

And remember, I have a spare room just ready for visitors.



Love, Martha