

UPDATE FROM THE MUUTUKIS STARTING OUR SABBATICAL

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Dear friends,

Our flight from Nairobi to Frankfurt went almost seamless and we arrived some minutes before six in the morning. Quite early indeed!! However, we spend too much time chasing after a confiscated computer battery inside the airport before heading out. The story is that a week ago we received three short term missionary interns who came to help us through the Serge Mission this summer. One of them carried a computer battery for our church in Nairobi. But, alas, the security at Frankfurt airport removed it from her luggage without her knowing it but put a pick up paper inside her luggage telling her that they had removed it and she could pick it within 3 weeks otherwise they would destroy it. Yes, come back from Kenya to Germany in 3 weeks! Well, since we were coming we asked her to authorize us to pick it up on her behalf. Offices were closed until 8 am when we could pick it up, which we did.

Now, the next thing was for us to dash to get our train to Haiger, our final destination of this first journey. Oh my word, we got into the wrong train and ended up being dropped the opposite direction a half hour later. We found the connecting train to bring us back to Frankfurt again but it arrived late and we missed it. We waited for the next train taking us to a different place again but we were detoured and arrived three hours later. Phew, it could have been worse. Our challenge was carrying our three suitcases and two hand luggage's dashing to the trains etc. Someone should have told us that Germans don't run to help people with their luggage as we do in Kenya. :) We arrived at Haiger safely and were picked by the Mission leader and his wife had a three o'clock lunch for us, yummy.

If you ever fly Lufthansa be warned not to carry a battery in your suitcase, it should be in your hand luggage otherwise they will destroy it. it was a hard lesson for us to learn.

We now need a deserved rest.

Kwaheri, "goodbye" for now.

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PS: The good news at home is that our solar was installed. But it was at a cost. We had to sell Elfi's ministry car that was donated to her about 9 years ago by one of our supporting Churches in St. Louis. God is good.

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