

AFRICAN ANECDOTES -- WHAT I LOVE ABOUT AFRICA

I often write about the poignant sadness of Africa, but this time I want to forget the “tail” side of the coin and just give you the “heads.”

I love the visible horizons. (Moonrise from the sky deck.)



I love the quaintness and the beauty. (Near Mbalabala, Zimbabwe)



I love the tranquility and simplicity of rural life. (Mangwande, Zimbabwe)



I love the people.

-- their willing hospitality. (Lydia Mahlangu, at whose home the lectures were held.)



-- their giving hearts. (Enoch Ncube's wife gives me the last of her guavas – organically grown! 😊)



-- their Proverbs 31 industriousness. (Hogo, Zimbabwe)



-- their ability to worship God whole-heartedly, but without formality. ("I wanna lead singing too, grandpa!")



-- the way they love to greet each other, (I wish you could hear the beautiful harmony of their voices while they do it.)



-- the way they think differently to us. (This is how an African child role-plays the apostles collecting 12 baskets full!!)



-- their humility, eg. the way they are willing to be corrected, even when old. (This is a 96-year-old babe in Christ.)

-- the innocence of the children. (This toddler is imitating her mother. They have no lawns because of snakes, so every morning, they tidy up the "khaya" by sweeping the dirt.)



-- the way they help each other. (One person was chosen from each village to educate the young about AIDS and counsel those with AIDS. These two Christians were chosen from Cinderella and Hogo villages. This they do for no pay.)

-- their eagerness to learn. (This lady at Mankunzane had kitchen duty, but she SO badly wanted to hear the lesson...)



I love having the opportunity to hopefully do or say something to impact lives for eternity. (Here women are learning how to teach their children at Pangani, Zimbabwe.)



And I love (together with Les) being the instrument of so many loving hearts in the USA – Giving them your gifts and *seeing* their thankfulness for things we take for granted:

Food, (Hogo)



Glasses & Bibles, (Here Newman Gumpo helps women find the right strength of spectacles in order for them to be able to read again. Pangani, Zimbabwe)



Soap. (Mangwande, Zimbabwe. Soap, donated by a sister in the USA, tends not to be bought when money is short, but it helps prevent many diseases.)

Thank you for enabling me to enjoy such blessings from God – and all this in just one month! 😊.

With love, Linda Maydell

