

A Perspective on Pentecost

The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost is celebrated this year on Sunday May 20th. Pentecost offers an easy frame work for celebration for at least two reasons. First, there is no competing secular interpretation such as a jolly plump man in red or eggs to be found. Second, the imagery from description in the Acts of the Apostles is very full of exceptional expression such as the mighty rushing wind is followed by flames of fire and then a cacophony of languages and confusion. All of this is wrapped up in the present pronouncement that this is the Birthday of the Church. We celebrate and then it seems that it all ends there.

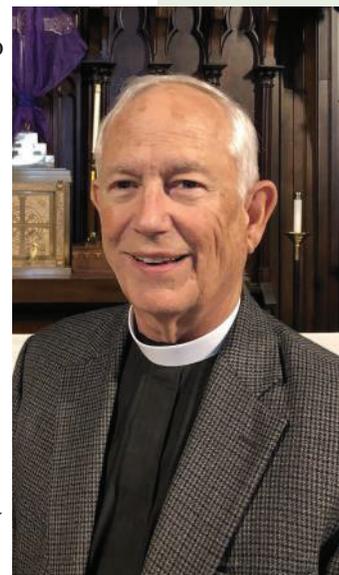
There are no “what did you get for Christmas” questions related to Pentecost. There are no Easter lilies to take home after worship. There are no festive “Alleluias” during the season of Pentecost. In fact, we also refer to this season as “Ordinary Time.” In the Gospel of John, Jesus said that “when the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.” (John 16:13) So, I feel compelled to ask do we see that we are being fully guided “into all truth”?

Bishop George Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke to this at a Pentecost gathering in 1983. In that address he said, “today the Holy Spirit does not come – usually, that is – with great noise from the skies, with tongues of fire touching everyone and the whole company being filled with the Holy Spirit”. So, he asked, “How do we discern the presence of the Spirit today?” This question is of importance to this congregation today as we seek to discern the Spirit’s leading especially during the search for our next rector.

In his address, Bishop Carey told of a discussion that he had with some college students in which he posed that discernment question. From that discussion, three points emerged. The first was, “we recognize the Spirit’s presence by the quality of *life* in the congregation.” Bishop Carey called attention to the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” In order to fully embrace this description, we need to remember that the fruit of a tree is dependent upon the roots that draw minerals and moisture from the soil and the limbs that support the flowers which finally yield the fruit. To bear fruit, it is essential for all parts of the tree be securely connected.

Bishop Carey’s second observation was that “the Holy Spirit is *unpredictable*.” By our human standards the Spirit is untidy. He used the image of St. Francis to illustrate that “the Holy Spirit’s work usually commences unpretentiously and quietly.” I see this for us in the way that our outreach ministries had begun and developed. The third point that describes the movement of the Spirit is that it leads to *unity*.” Unity is built upon trust and experience. Both our Search Committee and our Vestry are endeavoring to grow in unity so that they may even more faithfully discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they seek to lead this congregation in the time ahead.

Let us pray that we may allow the Spirit to guide us “into all truth”.



Fr. John Allen—Interim Priest

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The Calvary Well

Who is Tom Gift? He's a longtime member of Calvary, but you may not have met him because he frequents the early service and the Thursday Anointing Eucharist. Last June, the idea of the Calvary Well was floated at the Thursday service, and Tom jumped at the chance to serve the homeless people who wait for the evening meal at the Salvation Army location near Calvary.

We began 41 Thursdays ago serving ice water to hot and thirsty people who quickly became our friends and confidants. We soon expanded to peanut butter sandwiches, then added cookies. Tom brought a big tray of cookies from Costco and subsequently persuaded the manager to allow him to gather leftover baked goods every Sunday morning very early! This project is now gigantic and helps us provide cookies for our daily Calvary food clients as well!!!

One Thursday, it rained. Our friends were soaking wet, so we gave them our dry Calvary t-shirts, and the ministry again expanded to include all sorts of clothing. Tom showed up with a huge Louisville Cardinals tent so we all could stay dry or warm or cool, as the crazy weather dictated.

And Tom is full of surprises! On May 10, he arrived with popcorn!! He has purchased a machine that generated 33 large bags of popcorn, and our clients were delighted. We have now also entered the lemonade season, having buried the hot chocolate that we served all winter. We are so very grateful for Tom Gift and our ever-expanding team of volunteers who look forward to each Thursday afternoon as we minister to our less fortunate friends. Want to help? We always need lemonade, white bread, peanut butter, jelly, socks, t shirts, new underwear, and other clothing items. Love thy neighbor and you will be rewarded in ways you never would expect!

Margaret Dickinson with the Calvary Well Team.



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Adult Forum Schedule

May 27: Father John Allen---Observing the World: “See a Little, See a Lot”

Please join us at 10 AM each Sunday in Parker Hall!

Coffee Hour Schedule

May 27 Memorial Day---Larry Reining & Shirley Leach

June 3 Mary & Alex Redden

June 10 Whitney Hardy & Frances Lewis

(Please see Lou Henson to host a Coffee Hour. Volunteers needed!)

Please join us every Sunday at 12:15 for coffee, snacks and fellowship.



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Calvary To Sponsor KY Shakespeare Festival

“[Thou] mad mustachio purple-hued maltworms!”
– William Shakespeare, *Henry IV: Part 1*

This summer, Calvary will sponsor the 2018 KY Shakespeare Festival with the goal of enhancing our presence in and relationship with the Old Louisville neighborhood. Many people come into the neighborhood to enjoy the longest-running FREE Shakespeare festival in the US.

This year’s performances run from May 30 – August 5th and will feature 5 plays:

Comedy of Errors
Henry IV, Part I
Othello
The Tempest
Romeo & Juliet

Calvary, with its sponsorship, will have stage and website signage, our logo in 30,000 playbills as well as the opportunity to have a sponsor booth throughout the summer season.

Please consider signing up to staff Calvary’s booth during the season. We do not have to staff the booth for every performance.

In Parker Hall, there is a sign-up poster with the date of every performance. Table, chairs and Calvary takeaways will be provided.

Calvary Nights at KY Shakespeare Festival

Calvary is blessed with the Shakespearean knowledge of Jonathan Smith who taught English at Hanover College. Jonathan will be leading pre-performance talks about the plays on the following nights. The talks will be hosted by Penny Brisson who lives a short distance from Central Park.

Mark your calendars:

Comedy of Errors: Saturday, June 9th

Henry IV, Part I: Saturday, June 23rd “Official Calvary Night”

Othello: Thursday, July 12th

Pre-performance discussions will start at 7 pm with the performance starting at 8 pm.

For more information about the sponsorship logistics contact Penny Brisson at penelopekbrisson@gmail.com.

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Brennan Lecture Series—Storytelling as Evangelism

Christ Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky

April 27-28, 2018

In late April Dean and Linda French joined David and Deborah Stewart for a two-day conference on storytelling held at Christ Church in Bowling Green. This conference was part of the 2018 Brennan Lecture Series and was hosted by the Episcopal Church Diocese of Kentucky's Department of Mission and Evangelism.

The lecture was given by Bishop Porter Reynolds who served as the sixth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. He grew up in Ashville, N.C. earning a B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also has a Ph.D. in theology and literature from Emory University.

The primary question put to attendees was "How do we make ourselves agents for what God wants us to do?" Through poems and stories and quotes from others, Bishop Taylor bathed us in the language of resurrection. From Megan McKenna's book "And Morning Comes," Bishop Taylor challenged us to keep the following list:

1. Wash the feet of those who may not walk tomorrow.
2. Stand with the victim, the outsider, the left out, those who are different.
3. Refuse any sort of violence and refuse to react violently.
4. Resist Despair.
5. Scream silently in your prayers. Remember the pain of others.
6. Bend the knees of your heart daily in conversation.
7. Learn to kneel and beg on behalf of others' lives and needs.

He said through our stories we connect on the deepest level of our beings. He encouraged us to "Stop trusting the intellect but learn to trust the hunger."

He said, "All of our stories are linked and to connect our stories with the Christian story is what will make our church grow...It is not about what is right or wrong; it is about what is real."

He asked each of us to listen and understand, "the story God is trying to tell the world through your life?" Although he acknowledged church attendance in America is falling 2% each year, those claiming to have had a mystical experience has risen from 22% in 1962 to 48% in 2009.

He said, "The Word needs to be spoken in us and through us. He directed us to Walter Brueggeman's **The Bible Makes Sense**. He itemized the major themes in the Bible stories and to tie our personal stories into these themes.

It was a fascinating lecture and workshop. At one point we divided into small groups to tell our own stories to one another and then returned to discuss the effect this had on our knowledge of one another.

This lecture paved the way for a dinner and a retreat to be hosted by the Diocese of Kentucky Department of Christian Formation and Mission and Evangelism. Entitled **Tell your story, Come to the waters**, the **Sharing Faith Dinners** will be held on Friday September 14th.

The retreat at All Souls in Leitchfield, Kentucky will be called **God's Story: See it, Name it, Join It**. It is to be held Friday and Saturday October 26-27.

Contact Canon Jason Lewis (JASON@EPISCOPALKY.ORG) for more information on how to participate in either of these events.

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Calvary Is Reading

Beth Collier Vail recently read “*Hillbilly Elegy*” by J.D. Vance which she recommends as a very moving memoir about Appalachia and family.

Susan Baker is a prolific reader, one of many at Calvary, and she suggests the following books. “*Legacy of Spies*” by John Le Carre, “*The Lowland*” by Jhumpa Lahiri. Her other recommendation is “*The Woman Behind the New Deal*” by Kirsten Downey (about Frances Perkins for whom May 13 is a Feast Day in the Episcopal calendar). She served as Labor Secretary from 1933 to 1945, the longest serving in that position and the first woman appointed to Cabinet position.

Ben Sanders offers “I am reading Henry James novels. Amazing how much time people spent in drawing-rooms! So many social conventions.”

I recently read “*The Child*” by Fiona Barton which I highly recommend. She writes books that are suspenseful and surprising to the end. Her other recent book was “*The Widow*” and both are best sellers. I also read “*The Goldfinch*” a Pulitzer Prize winner by Donna Tartt. It is a novel about a 13 year boy who loses his mother in a bomb attack at New York museum and is also a best seller. Stephen King recommends it and I don’t – you can pick the recommendation you prefer.

Couple of Library reminders:

Saturday May 12 is the “*How to Festival*” at the Main Library from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. A really fun event organized by our own Art Dietz. Check it out – free and has something for adults and children.

Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20 are the dates for the big book sale at the Main Library sponsored by Friends of the Library. Saturday is 10:00AM to 4:00PM and Sunday 1:00PM to 4:00PM. The hardbacks \$2.00 and paperbacks \$1.00 and on Sunday a *Bag of Books* for \$10.00. Proceeds go to support the programs of the library.

Carolyn Snow



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Calvary Community Highlights

Calvary Parishioners participate in varied events outside of Worship Services! We have a few to share this month.

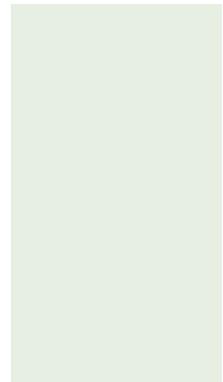
April 19th—Father John Allen joined Calvary’s Well delivering water and sandwiches to our friends at the underpasses.



April 22nd—Judy Wilson’s Suzuki Violin Group Performed at the Adult Forum.



April 28th---Water Station for Louisville’s Mini/Marathon. Runners grabbed cups of water on the sidewalk in front of Calvary.



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“Keeping Everyone In the Loop”

As the pace of activities across several fronts has accelerated at Calvary in the past weeks and months, there has been a parallel effort to ramp up communications via multiple media sources to our parishioners and other interested parties. Father John’s sermons and writings, informative Calvary Connection articles, “Vestry Voice” summaries, revamped website (thank you Carrie, Andy, and Penny), social media postings, Constant Contact updates, pictures of Calvary at work and play, Sunday bulletin, and regular updates from the podium provide a wealth of information of who we are, where we are, and where we’re going.

Many people are involved in this. All are giving their best to provide healthy communications that reflect the rebirth of the joy and commitment that abound at Calvary. We owe them our thanks for keeping us informed and engaged daily.

If somehow you or someone you know is missing out on this plethora of information, please see me. We’ve got a good story to tell, and we want to share it with everyone.

Don Snow - Senior Warden



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The Vestry Voice

The Vestry met on May 15. There were the following items of note:

Father John spoke about the need for to work together in teams to accomplish all our goals and the value of clear focus on the common good. He is pleased with the way that our members have embraced the tasks we have at hand and as we move toward calling a new rector. He encouraged us to be mindful of Romans 12:1-6 and Ephesians 4:11-15 as we “pray, participate, discern and engage our life together.”

The Search Committee reported on its continuing process, which will likely result in the presentation of one nominee to the Vestry. They are preparing interview questions, which they will share for Vestry comment. The search process will proceed on schedule, with a best-case scenario of being able to call a new rector in September.

We reviewed our financial position. The Treasurer reported only two over-budget items, office expenses and LG&E. Our April financials showed revenue of \$40878 (of which \$27,916 was investment income from our endowment) against budget of \$47,125 and expenses of \$42,960 against budget of \$47,125 for a net negative of \$2,081. YTD we are at a positive \$6,303 against an even 0 budget. The Treasurer reported that we are in good shape generally and understand variances from budget.

The Property Committee reported that they are gathering costs for significant maintenance work on the North Tower first floor, staircase and upper room as well as windows in various areas of the church property.

As part of the continuing effort to regularize and streamline our financial situation and reporting, the Finance Committee proposed, and the Vestry adopted, a resolution to transfer three small named funds. Two will go to the Discretionary Fund and one to the Endowment.

Stephanie Smith—Secretary To the Vestry



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Calvary Community Highlights (continued)

May 12th---How To Festival Organized by Art Dietz at the Louisville Public Library Downtown location

Calvary facilitators included: Registration--Jean and Art Dietz



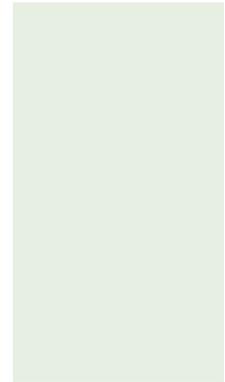
How to Make a Button—Carolyn Snow



How to Stage Your House to sell---Ginger Ray



How to Make Lemon Curd---Linda French



How to do Simple Plumbing Repairs—Bruce Cohen



Please send your photos of community activities to Linda French—LFrench444152@gmail.com

Linda French—Junior Warden

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Rector Search Committee

The Calvary Rector Search Committee met with Canon Amy Coultas the evening of Wednesday, May 16th. She presented us with the profiles of the candidates who have responded to Calvary's call. I speak for the entire Search Committee when I say we were delighted and relieved by the abundance and the high quality of the response. While we are not at liberty to discuss any of the particulars out of respect for the privacy of the individuals who responded, I feel confident I can share our joy with the outcome. Both Canon Coultas and Bishop White were impressed as well.

Soon, under the direction of Father John Allen, I will meet with Chief Warden Don Snow and Junior Warden Linda French to discuss any concerns the Vestry may have so that together, The Vestry and The Search Committee can move forward in harmony on this blessed venture of calling Calvary's next Rector.

Presently, members of the Search Committee are reviewing the packets of information provided by each candidate. On Wednesday, May 23rd we will meet to discuss our impressions. Once we decide on the list of candidates we select to interview, the interviewing process will begin. We will keep you apprised of our progress.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for us as we enter this new phase of our mission.

Deborah Stewart – Chair Rector Search Committee



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Earthy News

The soul is the same in all living creatures, although the body of each is different.
--- Hippocrates

As a flier from Calvary's friends at the Idlewild Butterfly Farm on Logan Street reminds us: POLLINATORS KEEP US ALIVE! Bees, butterflies and other pollinators move pollen from one flower to another making fruit development possible. Believe it or not, it is estimated that one-third of the world's food supply would disappear from grocery stores if our pollinators disappeared. Apples, oranges, grapes and that favorite fruit of summer, the tomato -- to name just a few-- wouldn't be there for you without these critical creatures.

That is why Calvary's gardening guild, the Layweeders, has expanded its ministry and made it a priority to devote time, energy, effort and space in the Calvary Courtyard and at the Garden of Goodness to assisting our pollinator friends. Two butterfly habitats have been established in our courtyard, one behind the handicap ramp that runs from the Narthex/Burial Ground Window Room into the main part of the courtyard and another behind the handicap ramp that runs from the main part of the courtyard up to Parker Hall. "Host plants" are those where butterflies like to lay their eggs and many butterflies will only lay them on very specific plants; "nectar plants" are those that provide the food which butterflies need to live and, as you might guess, many butterflies have food preferences just as we humans do. So, in addition to the herbs, flowers and shrubs already thriving in our courtyard, we have introduced some very specific new plants, including several varieties of milkweed (the favorite of Monarchs, our only migrating North American butterfly species).



As the new plants develop over the course of the late spring and summer, you will see that many are very brightly colored (bright colors = butterfly magnets). Take a tour around our two habitats and see if you can find the Mexican sunflowers that produce brilliant orange-red blossoms and will grow quite tall and wide before fall comes.

We are currently working on the butterfly habitat at the Garden of Goodness and hope to have some new plants in the ground very shortly to enrich the caterpillar-food-source plantings already in place at this 7th & Oak location (there's a grand stand of fennel that returns from year to year which, along with dill and parsley, is a mega-favorite).

Watch for an upcoming article about those other superb pollinators – BEES! An "Earthy Thoughts" note in a future issue of the Calvary Connection will be devoted to this vital insect and will examine how the Layweeders may be able to move into the realm of beekeeping – explorations are underway (buzz, buzz) so stay tuned!

Ruth Robins

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African Contentment

We had just finished lunch in a small restaurant in downtown Morogoro when I leaned back in my chair with a small sigh.... Alex asked, "How do you feel, Miss Cindy?" "Content," I replied. He raised his eyebrows, munched on a toothpick, and smiled, "African contentment?" "Absolutely!" I agreed.

Alex is one of the 15 young men who were the reason for the week-long mission trip I took to Tanzania in September 2017. In our American culture they would all be considered to have been "at risk youth" at a previous point in their lives. When I met them (all 19 to 30-something years of age), they were on paths leading to stability, accomplishment, and hope thanks to the work and patronage of Fr. John Judie Ministries based here in Louisville, KY. In my ten-year association with Fr. John their names have become familiar because they are among the sons he has adopted since this ministry began when he visited Africa in 1994 when he went to Africa to recover his own ethnic roots.

From our overnight arrival in Dar es Salaam through the last afternoon visit there in the parish of Fr. Galen Myungi (the first adopted son) we were treated with consummate hospitality by our hosts in every place we visited. I began learning rudimentary Swahili, and found myself saying, "Asante sana" (Thank you very much) more often than anything else.... The response is "Karibu sana" (You are most welcome), and the phrases were used frequently in conversation in both English and Swahili whether there was anything specific which prompted them or not.... They just seemed to overflow from an inner well of gratitude and openness from our those we met. "Tumsifu Yesu Kristu" (To Jesus Christ be praise) and its response "Milele Amina!" (Forever, Amen) also served as a greeting or was interjected into conversation among Christians. A 'special handshake' (palms, thumbs, palms) also conveyed warmth and welcome in addition to a 'head hug.' I also became accustomed to remnants of Tanzania's days as a British protectorate after the second World War, including the car's steering wheel being on the right, driving on the left side of the road and paying with shillings....

We were 'based' out of Morogoro, a small city three hours west of Dar es Salaam. Our journey there was made more comfortable by a stop for lunch at St. Mary's Junior Seminary (the equivalent of our Middle School and High School combined) in Visiga, where we feasted outside on what would become familiar fare -- fried chicken, rice, vegetables, beans, watermelon/oranges, and Kilimanjaro beer....

The expert driver throughout our visit – Ambrose – ferried us safely over deeply rutted dirt roads that abruptly appeared at the end of pavements both in residential areas and off the main highways. In the more established neighborhoods houses were often surrounded by a wall, and we were told that that their owners hired 'watchmen' to protect their homes, while in the less affluent areas where houses were crowded together people could be seen burning open fires in front of their homes and one woman was seen carefully sweeping her dirt yard.

As we settled into our accommodations at Amabilis Center (run by the Mgolole Sisters), 'the boys' began to arrive greeting us with laughter and hugs, and dinner that evening set a pattern for the remainder of our stay with a shared meal and time following for each person to express their thoughts/feelings as part of a family reunited.

We visited the Amani (Peace) Center for Persons with Disabilities, overseen by Fr. Beatis with a contingent of teachers for students ranging from infants through school-age. We spent time with mothers who walked to the school every morning with their children strapped on their backs so that they could benefit from the services of physio-therapists. We also looked in on a classroom of mentally challenged primary students who shyly welcomed us and then began interacting with glee (especially when it came to taking pictures). Since I am a retired Speech/Language Pathologist and have worked with disabled children similar to those we met, I found this visit particularly moving.

Our trip to the Mgolole Orphanage brought poignant joy as we spent time with the babies playing, singing, 'dancing',

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African Contentment (continued)

and just enjoying being in their presence. What a busy bunch! The sisters and volunteers managed to feed and care for about sixteen little ones intent on crawling off in all directions at once, and – just as we were preparing to leave – small mattresses were delivered for the next age group who were laid down like little sardines for their afternoon nap. Mother Flora expressed deep appreciation for the suitcases of clothes and school supplies we delivered, and her personal charisma lent both a sense of well-carried authority and joy in her calling. In stark contrast to the simple necessities of the orphanage, that evening’s dinner took us on a mysterious trip out into the middle of black night nowhere to an elegant hotel with an astonishing array of dishes, and superb service.

The next day brought two more meaningful experiences with Fr. John celebrating Mass at both St. Francis de Sales Junior Seminary in the morning and at the Grail Sisters House in late afternoon. We toured the beautifully managed seminary grounds (noting the goats grazing on the seemingly bare soccer field) and spent some time at the Grotto, constructed to replicate the appearance of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes, France. In the afternoon, we had another adventurous trip out into what we would call the ‘boondocks’ to find a village of small houses. Among them was the House of the Grail Sisters, who immediately surrounded us with choruses of “You are most welcome.” After cordial visiting, Father John celebrated Mass in their gaily decorated Chapel (what would have been a bedroom) with the Sisters’ lyrical voices accompanied by a drum, a bean rhythm instrument, and joyful ululation. After a most generous meal I was invited (as the newest acquaintance in the group) to assist a 9-year-old resident as she cut her 3-tier birthday cake & was celebrated by her ‘family.’

Our last full day in Africa began at St. Monica’s Parish in Kihonda with early Mass, again celebrated by Fr. John (who preached in Swahili), with about 400 people in attendance. After breakfast, a second Mass was celebrated with 300 people attending, and the worshipful joy of the music still echoes in my head. Looking out over the large congregation as I spoke in response to Fr John’s invitation, I said, “I think I’m dreaming.” Indeed, as I looked out over that ‘sea of faces,’ I knew that my hopes of traveling to Africa, meeting the sons, and experiencing the Love of God in new far-flung places had been realized and my thanksgiving knows no bounds....

As we prepared to leave, I reflected on much that had captured my attention during this first trip to Africa, from the foothills of nearby mountains to the young families on motorcycles/motorbikes (Dad driving, Mom behind him with baby strapped to her, and a bundle between baby and Dad), to the roadside laundry with women washing clothes in pooled water and spreading them to dry on the branches of nearby bushes. I also recalled the tangles of traffic, where brightly colored buses competed with vehicles, motorbikes, and swarms of vendors selling everything from bottled water to school supplies to mops.

The contrasts in circumstances between much of the African experience and that of most of us in the United States are vivid; yet the truth and commonality of our humanity came through so clearly – and sometimes poignantly – that I experienced a kinship with all I saw, and I can say contentedly and with great assurance that “Africa has taken up residence in my heart.”

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"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love..."