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This is a picture of the fruit that our House Helper left on our Kitchen table today. Wonderful, little finger length bananas and a humongous papaya with some juicy pineapples. looking pineapples and 2 large alvacados. Oh yes, a bowl of delightful passion fruit. What blessings keep pouring our way. God is so good!!!!

Greetings from Africa!!

A truly amazing time we live in! Yesterday we woke up in Kigali, Rwanda, Africa. Today we woke up at Kibogora Hospital Mission, in Rwanda, Africa.

Our long trip was really wonderful. We sensed Our Father's love all the way, from Brian's and Alicia's, (Fred's and Lee's delightful friends from DC), gracious hospitality and calm ride to Dulles International, to the Christian porter to whom I asked, "Are you a Christian?", and who answered, " For sure!", then weighed our bags for us before the official "weigh in," and took us to the exact place we needed to check in, PTL! We were a little under our baggage allotment weight, and again, PTL!

Meals on the plane came about every two and a half hours; four in all. Needless to say, we were not hungry when we got off the plane.

Addis Ababa seemed much cleaner and less hassle this time through. In Kigali, two fine men from Kibogora Hospital, Bill and Innocent, met us, took our bags, and then drove us to The Good News Guest House to get freshened up a bit. From there we shopped in the Kigali version of Wal-Mart.

We also needed to go to a bank to change money into the local currency. Money is going to be a challenge; 850 francs = \$1.00. Oh My! Something that costs 1000 francs is about \$1.15. It is nothing to carry 20,000 francs in one's wallet, which equals about \$23.50 It's definitely going to take some time to learn the conversion.

We had dinner, which was pizza, African style, with our two new friends. Actually that is all that was available that early in the late afternoon.. At any rate, it was all lovely.

Sleep came quickly that evening, and by 8:30 we were asleep and slept 11 hours. It was great, since we had only slept about about an hour on the plane!

The trip to Kibogora seemed long, with just a couple stops. A family from Denmark wanted to get up with David. It seems some 34 years ago, David delivered their first baby boy at Kibogora Hospital, and they wanted to say 'hi'. Their whole family, including kids and grands, 12 in all, were in Africa on vacation for two weeks. Dave was able to see their son who he delivered, seeing him for the first time since he was three days. Pretty amazing!

Surely do wish you all were here to enjoy the adventure and beauty of this place.

Much love,

Dave & Carol