



It was exciting to return to Canada -- until we pulled into our driveway. All of a sudden, this place that was supposed to feel like home was just another house. It takes time to adjust, but some things are starting to come together.

We knew it was time to leave Kenya when the earth started shaking under our feet. The last week at Kijabe there was a "swarm" of small tremors. We felt some, but none were serious. We had a final bumpy ride into the Nairobi airport on July 19th before we flew out to Amsterdam. As we were going through Europe, we felt that we should stay for a few days and experience yet another culture. We weren't sure that we liked the congested, liberal culture of Amsterdam. We did enjoy a bus tour to a couple old fishing villages, and an interesting canal boat tour through the historic city. One evening we went to the Anne Frank house where the book came to life.

Toronto felt a bit more like home when we met the Veenstras from RVA in the airport as they arrived in Canada. We were met by Sam Thomas, the AIM personnel director, who took us to the apartment in the AIM office in Scarborough. We woke up at 4am for a number of days, "What do we do now?" was the family's first question of the day. It was an eventful four days as we bought a van, went shopping for new clothes and met the Morgans, missionary friends from Kenya. We ended our stay in Toronto by travelling up Mt. Everest at the Omnimax theater at the Ontario Science Center. Climbing Mt. Kenya took much more effort!



The two-day drive to NB was, well, two days of driving. After coming from heavily de-forested Kenya, we never realized just how many trees there are in Eastern Canada! My parents had been at our house for several days, getting some things ready for our arrival. Supper was on the stove and beds were ready for us to sleep in. We really appreciated my parents coming to set up, but it still didn't feel like home. After 35 years of transient missionary life, they understood. The next morning we went to church at Forest Hills, our home church. It was then that we started to feel that we were home. What a wonderful welcome!

I had a week before I returned to work. It was a busy time, sorting out paperwork, unpacking our things, picking up a second car, and visiting old friends. Bernadine had a job interview, but didn't get the job.

Please pray for her as she considers what to do next. I'm back with my old group at Point Lepreau Generating Station, and am already getting questions about things I was working on when I left!



The kids appreciate the variety of places they can go with Bernadine during the day: beaches, parks and shopping, things that weren't easy to do in Kenya. They have kept their sense of humour through all of these changes! Evan has reconnected well with several friends, while Julianne is missing some of the deep friendships she formed at RVA. The children talk daily of getting a cat.

We would really like to get to some churches this Fall to share some of our experiences in Kenya. Feel free to call us at (506) 657-4925 or email us at [steeves@kijabe.org](mailto:steeves@kijabe.org) to discuss things. We'd love to hear from you!

Thanks again to all of you to prayed for us and supported us financially during our two years in Kenya. Thanks for joining us on our journey.

*"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Matthew 6:34*

Blessings,

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