



Christmas Orchid

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The last few months have reminded me of the verses from Revelation 7:9-10: “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”

These verses have come alive for us in the past month as we have seen people from many tribes and nations coming together around us to worship the King of Kings!



ICF church retreat

Our local church had a retreat at our camp with 100 people! Lots of work for my department—making beds and organizing extra tents! We had folks from Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Canada, USA, Uganda, Swaziland, New Zealand, Tanzania, United Kingdom, Scotland, Hong Kong, Switzerland, and South Africa.

We were also blessed to travel to lake Nyasa (Matema) to visit a pastor we helped settle there recently. It was encouraging to see how he has begun to build relationships with the local community. He organized a marriage workshop that our team led for 40 people from the village government—a few pastors, teachers, doctors, nurses, fishermen, and business people. It was so encouraging to hear the reports as the team debriefed each evening. I loved eating the local cooked bananas and fish that the Wanyakyusa tribe cooked.



Marriage workshop in Matema

This past week we hosted and participated in a church planting workshop put on in partnership with the Laussane Movement church planting group of which Dan and Tina (my son and daughter-in-law) are a part. We had 30 delegates from Malawi, Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania, Benin, Spain, USA, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, and the Masai nation. I was very blessed by the fellowship, praise, worship, and the devotional times I attended. The teams came up with five vision statements for reaching their five countries around the region—working together in unity



Church planting consultation

brings so much blessing! The leader from Spain reported that due to the recent unity of the churches in Europe they are seeing unprecedented results and blessings. In Spain there is a new church opening *every three days*; in France a new church *every 10 days*; and in Norway, Croatia, and a few other countries there is a revival taking place due partly to the conversions of the refugees but also due to the unity. The church truly is God's tool to bring people together from all tribes and nations!!

I'm so blessed to be in a position to serve people and to hear firsthand what amazing things the Lord is doing in these last days.

We are excited to have Nadine back for Christmas together with Shera and Julia. I'll have almost half of my grandkids around!!

Merry Christmas!



Bibi (Joanne Moyer)



Bibi and Seth



Matema pastor's house



Boat for Pastor Kaisa to use to reach the fishing villages