



Aerogero in Kenya

„Be imitators of GOD, therefore, as dearly loved children“

Ephesians 5:1

The Bible is ...

... a big book. Recently, I had read a verse (s.a.), and suddenly I realized, you could reduce the whole content of the Bible down to this one verse - if you wanted. Not that I would do that (all the interesting stories are much too broad and nice). But given the fact I would only have this one verse, all of the Bible's content is basically in it. And now, nobody may say anymore that the Bible is too big ...

You really should consider dropping by! A great experience, even without me (due to my limited holiday). Find pictures [here](#) soon.

My best **Christmas present** I got this year from my church in Braunschweig: They were giving out postcards with addresses of all their missionaries, so each of us got quite a number of very personal wishes and blessings!

Dear church, what you've done to the least of HIS brothers, you have done unto HIM! Some short words are so valuable when living far away from home!!!

Why don't you write your thoughts about this to me? I'm looking forward to it.

Referendum in Southern Sudan:



Polling "room" under a tree



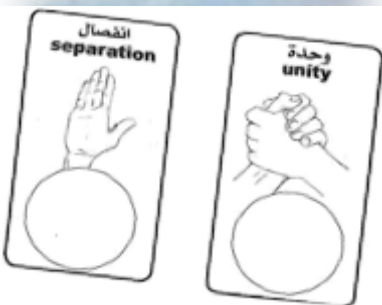
Paper ballot ...

Due to turbulent months, I haven't managed to write many Diary extracts for my [website](#) recently. They will follow soon.

I am enjoying village life in the dry and dusty oasis of **Lokichoggio** in far-North-West Kenya! All around, it is much dryer, as you can clearly see from the air. My car is getting a new engine, and once it is up here, I'm sure we will do a few tours into the desert plains, to watch stars without any bothering light source nearby!

Since my return to Africa end of **May**, 2010, I had led pretty much a vagabond life. June & July, I flew from Juba/ South Sudan, Sept. I did some non-aviation training in Nairobi (time management), and several other nights, I had to sleep in different beds. This didn't necessarily bring more calmness into my day-to-day activities ...

Soon, I shall move to my neighboring house, once used as pilots' accommodation for another mission flying organization. It is cut nicer inside, and I can raise a fence around. So Bono can finally live in my own garden (for now, he had to be with my other neighbors during the day, as they had the only fenced garden.



... in 3 languages!

In **November**, I used my holiday to take some time off. Beneath more rest, I needed to sort various issues in my life. This time, I practiced a fasting & praying, which was great! After a while, you think you'll never have to eat again. It surely wasn't my last fasting.

It is mostly peaceful here. Occasionally, though, you'll find yourselves in a situation where everybody closes their shops and windows quickly, as you see a huge crowd, together with many cows, marching down the main road: shepherds East of Loki town are arguing with a local school over land property rights, and these rallies can easily become violent.

In **December**, unfortunately life went on at least as hectic as before: nights in Nairobi, nights in Juba, so I was really thankful for a longer christmas break, extended by some extra holi-Days. A friend from Germany came, and we cruised through a lot of game parks and reserves. An awesome time! (by the way, English speakers: why is "awesome" a good thing, and "awful" not? Usually, "full" should be even better than "some", isn't it? Explanations, please!!)

Sudan is not only the biggest country of Africa, but has also a very sad history.

2005, after decades of civil war, a comprehensive peace agreement (CPA) for 6 years was implemented, which should temporarily settle the fights between Northern and



patient, peaceful waiting



Hello Kids,

thank you for all ideas, how to teach Bono to only guard his own garden, and not the whole town ...

While being on holiday, I have heard of lions who are able to climb trees. That is rather unusual for lions, contrary to leopards, for example, but they are truly existing, even if very rarely. They are a special species among the lions.

Do you want to find out where these lions are living, in which countries, which national parks, you may find them on their trees?

I know at least 2 countries, do you know more?

Yours, Flying Tiger



Southern Sudan. The South was considered an autonomous state for that time, and in January 9th, 2011, it came to an end: Now all widely-spread 3.5 million citizens of Southern Sudan had to vote for, or against a unified Sudan. More than 90% went to vote, and almost everybody voted for independence! Not surprising, considering that the (muslim) North had suppressed the (christian) South all those years before.

So far, the government of the North has accepted the outcome of the vote, which a lot of people have prayed for.

But there are still enough unsolved issues, which could endanger the birth of this new country. The exact line of the border North - South is not yet clear, and most of the oil fields (which had financed the development of mainly the North so far) are located in the South, which will give enough reasons for (verbal) fights in the near future.

It is a privilege to take part in such a historic moment for this fragile and beaten country. Please pray that all the basic rights and democratic foundations, which are so self-evident for us, will break through not only in Southern, but in the whole of both Sudan countries.

now and then, it is good to realize such numbers in the midst of the hectic day-to-day duties!

My little **Eliudi-Charles-Airplane project** is continuing. I am just expecting the next shipment from Tanzania. Made by one skilled school boy, their sales have already collected money for more than 120 years of primary school! Isn't that fascinating? And just recently, I could transfer this money to my former colleague in Tanzania, who is chairing a school charity in the town of Kigoma. Still, many more children are looking for a way to get a chance for education! Please, tell this all "western" kids who think that school is wasted time! I know enough kids here who would immediately change ...

Swahili time:

Not only in German, even in other languages I love to twist words. In Swahili, there is a phrase "Hakuna Matata" (= "no problem, everything ok"). This word is spelled very similar to "mini van (city transport)", which is "Matatu". So, when I start saying "Hakuna Matatu" (= "no city transport available"), it is time for a common laugh ...

Have a blessed time! GOD be with you!
Let me hear your story!

Many greetings, Yours



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Visceral Leishmaniasis

(or Dum-Dum Fever, Black Fever or Kala-Azar) is worldwide, after Malaria, the parasite infection with the highest death rate, and is transferred by the sand fly.

Symptoms are tiredness, high fever, heavy weight loss, bigger spleen and liver, and aching joints.

Untreated, more than 90% of the infections will end fatally, even with treatment, the death rate is up to 15%.

This, though, is not by far the only challenge for this whole region. An outbreak of the **Kala-Azar-Epidemic** (s.n.) was demanding many flights to the few existing local "clinics", run by WHO, MSF or Medair.

We were flying medication, tents, mattresses and compact food (for malnourished patients) into those places. Sometimes, the worst cases were taken to better equipped clinics on the way back, as well.

For 30 days without interruption, every patient has to be treated with very expensive medicine, which I had on board, amongst other supportive supply.

When arriving in Jiech one Saturday afternoon, I saw right away the relief on the Medair co-workers' faces: Their medicine supply was just about to end!

With my 21 cartons of SSG (Sodium-Stibogluconate), each containing treatment for 15 adults or up to 75 children, I had saved some 1000 persons on that very day through my flying service: Every



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