

My thoughts #50

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Oh my!





We have had an amazing week. We spent three days on a Safari that was so fun. I never tire of looking at God's creatures. They are magnificent. Each one with traits that are so interesting to me.

We did as much as we could with our time in South Africa. We went to a crocodile farm, on ostrich ranch, drove the beautiful shore lines, went back to the penguins and we had the opportunity to go to a manufacturing company that hand paints fabric.

Their products are magnificent. They produce finished goods, but Kartor is talking to them about the possibility of being a US distributor of fabric... we will see. It is beautiful.



I am really grateful for the opportunity to visit South Africa. The people are kind. They are respectful to one another. I have thought a lot about them because in all our time there the people talk softly and kindly regardless of the situation. In ten days of being on the streets, in markets, in restaurants, I only heard one person swear... sadly it was an American tourist. The South African people just talk so respectfully to you and about you. They are grateful for tourism that has increased their standard of living. They were grateful we were there visiting. When we left our taxi driver, Kuda, who we had used most of the week he spoke so kindly of us. He said he is looking forward to our return when we can bring the rest of the family, as he has a desire to meet them. I feel blessed to see their culture just a little bit. I was truly grateful to learn about each person that we met.

I have thought this week about the way we speak one to another.

New Testament

James 3:10-12

10 Out of the same mouth proceeded blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries/ either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

I have thought about our actions and need to serve one another.

New Testament

John 13: 13-16

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

I have thought about being kind.

Old Testament

Isaiah 54:10

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

I am grateful for the blessing of meeting these beautiful people and seeing the example they have set to be kind to their fellow men.

***I have wept in the night
For the shortness of sight
That to somebody's need made me blind;
But I never have yet
Felt a tinge of regret
For being a little too kind.***

With love,
Leslie

PS: Part 2 of My thoughts #50 has more pictures of the Safari

Cape Town airport... leaving South Africa

