Emnetu family summer vacation 2019

The entire Emnetu family spent its vacation together in Sub-Saharan Africa for the first time. It was amazing expirience, a little rough at times specially the safari trips, but returned to Norway with unforgettable memories. Here below are pictures in chronological order. While the rest of the family returned after 15 days back to their respective places, me as a pensionist, had enough time to see more places by staying a total of 7 weeks.

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Helena and Elsa



Elsa, Selome and Helena swimming at Protea hotel



The family's first day in Dar es Salaam



All four at the beautiful seaside of the capital city



Dining at the famous Ethiopian restaurant named Addis-in-Dar



The family enjoying moderate evening temperature in Dar es Salaam



Cruizing to Zanzibar just on the second day



A partial view of Dar as Salaam from the Indian ocean. Selome on the left



Emnetu in the cruiseliner

Stone town, Zanzibar



Emnetu, Elsa and Helena walking in downtown Stone town (Zanzibar)



Helena, Selome and Elsa swimming at the pool of our hotel



Dining at a restaurant overlooking the Indian ocean. Elsa and Helena



Selome, Elsa and Helena attracted by the souvenir shops on the sea shores



Helena, Selome, Elsa and Emnetu



Enjoying worm drink on the seaside



Helena enjoying swimming backstroke in the Indian ocean



Helena and Selome at the restaurant of our hotel



Elsa and Emnetu



Elsa, Emnetu, Selome and Helena dining as the sun sets



A partial view of Stone town from the sea



Sailing to the Mnemba island for snorkeling. Helena and Selome at the rear.



This famous island is our destination. Apparently it is owned by Bill Gates



Elsa and Selome preparing to dive to have time with snorkeling fishes



The girls were keen to make their first expirience in snorkeling. Elsa struggling to embark on the boat



Snack were served under the shadow of trees. The girl with blue shirt is our turist guide $\frac{1}{2}$



Selome and Elsa walking on the white shores before the return trip



Back in Stone town enjoying a cultural show after dinner



Preparing to dine at the famous restaurant that served traditional meal



The restaurant is located on the top floor of a high building enabling us to view a big part of Stone town



Attending yet another cultural show in Stone town



Ngome Kongwe





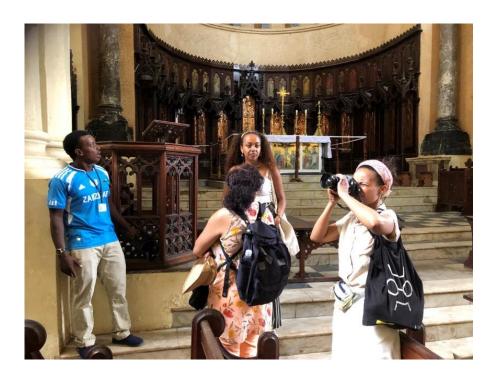
Many of the historical sites are in the old Stone town with narrow streets



Emnetu, tourist guide, Selome and Helena



Zanzibar has a brutal history in the past as center of slave trade for the Arab market



Stone Town was the location to one of the world's last open slave markets,



This is the church of the Augustinian priest who played significant role in the decline of slave trade



Enjoying Zanzibar's restaurants and bars. Selome, Emnetu, Elsa and Helena



Zanzibar is famous for its spice farms



Start of the spice farm tour



Many tourist guides gave us orientation on the various products of the farm



Fresh spicy food is served for lunch as part of the package



Fresh spicy food is served on the carpeted floors of the open air rooms



We were decorated with many items, including a necktie from parts of the plants



Everyone enjoyed fresh coconat water



Spice product market at the farm site



Enjoying diner at the restaurant of our hotel Langilangi



The unique white sand beaches of Zanzibar



Elsa and Emnetu at the white sand beaches outside our hotel



Selome amazed by the whiteness of the beach



Selome, Elsa and Emnetu



Leaving Zanzibar for Arusha town in north Tanzania



A shot of the Klimanjaro mountain from the plane window

Arusha, Tanzania



Arusha airport arrival – Elsa (left) and Emnetu (right)



A glimpse of the road from the airport to Arusha town



Dining in Arusha at the Mvuli hotel

Our first day in Serengeti safari



Our first encounter with the wild animals



Elsa, Helena and Richard the driver



Elsa, Helena and Selome ready for lunch



Lunch packages arrive



Emnetu, Helena and Elsa eating the first lunch in the wilderness



Elsa and Helena in a souvenir shop



Emnetu's primary interest was traditional musical instruments



Washing hands before lunch



We were amazed to be offered to pay with VISA/MasterCards in this little hut in the wilderness



Ready for the first afternoon safari



First encounter with elephant



Emnetu and Elsa. 20 m away is an elephant



Selome aiming at the animals further away from us



Here the elephants crossing the road, 20 m away



Helena, Emnetu and Elsa



An elephant about 5 meteres away from us



A flock of elephants crossing the road



Posing for a snapshot in Segerenti



Chatting with our driver and guide, Richard



Our first night in Tarangire national park



A snapshot of the Seregenti lowland region from the window of our room



First encounter with the zebras



Looking at the Seregenti lowlands before descending



Arriving in Ngorongoro camp for lunch



Emnetu, Selome and Elsa lunching



The next day Selome spots a bunch of gazzeles



A flock of African Thompson gazzeles



Again Selome spots a huge ostrich



Then a group of hyppopotamus



Whildbeests are seen in big flocks



A swampy area of the hyppos



Hyppos sun shining on land



Zebras and whildbeest on the background



Massai dancers waiting arrival of guests



Dancing arround the arriving vehicle



A heart breaking welcome dance



Helena, Selome, Richard and Elsa



Wet towels delivered



A glass of thick fruit juice followed

Watch the video clip below

Massai Welcome dance

https://youtu.be/KmVoeQbcMw0

Watch the video clip below

Massai farewell dance

https://youtu.be/VNdcS-ScX4w



Emnetu and Elsa dining outside the canteen



Our bedroom in a tent. All the walls, doors and windows are zipped



The telt is fully powered by solar panels



Including the toilet



And the shower



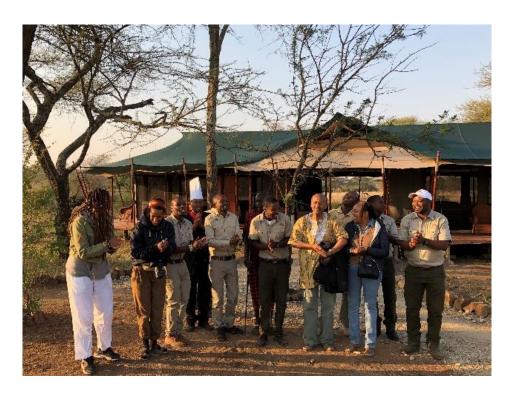
Grilling and dancing shows are made here



View of our tent from the outside



Night lumps and cooling systems all powered by the sun



A heart breaking farewell song and dance (see the video clip above)



Our last minutes in the Massai camp. The entire staff of the camp appeared to bid us farewell.

Encounter with the lions for first time



Sleepy lions



We are told that the lions take a knap after meal and when the weather is too hot



Another encounter with zebras



Another encounter with the hyppos



A lion so relaxed under the shade of a land cruiser



First encounter with black rhinos



New encounter with zebras and an ostritch



The lowlands of Gorongoro



The camp where Helena and Selome lodged



Selome and Emnetu



Last hour in the lowlands before ascending to the $\label{eq:highland} \mbox{highland}$



As we ascend to the mountain top we can see our hotel in Gorongoro from which I previously took pictures of the lowland



Another encounter with the massai of the highlands



Another Massai welcome dance



Selome and Elsa joined the welcome dance after receiving flower-wreath around their neck



Selome poses for a picture after purchasing some items from the well organized, big souvenir shop of the Massai's.

Back in Arusha



Last dinner in Arusha for the family



Emnetu and Helena



Waiting to board a flight to Dar es Salaam



Helena, Emnetu and Elsa

Last day of vacation for Elsa, Selome and Helena in Dar es Salaam



Partial view of downtown Dar es Salaam. A snapshot from our room window on the 12th floor



Selome and Emnetu



Last dinne on the eve of the last day of vacation for Elsa, Selome and Helena



Last day of vacation. Farewell, beautiful Tanzania

Emnetu in Kenya. On the 28th of july the rest of the family returned back to Norway but I continued my vacation in Kenya. I made extensive tour of the central and coastal regions. It was possible because my cousine and friend, Dr. Berhane Woldemichael, who knows Kenya well and who happened to be there at that time, encouraged me to make the trip.

Nairobi



Arrival at Nairobi airport. Berhane and Emnetu



Downtown Nairobi



In town with Berhane



Downtown Nairobi

Meeting of two cultures



Wedding of Eritrean Luam Kifle and Kenyan Moses Maura



A snapshot as the bride and bridegrom entered the hall $% \left\{ \left(1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left(1\right) \right\}$



Moses and Luam dancing to the tune ዕሰብና



Climax of high music and dance



Eritrean women dancing to the tune መዲ ካሊይዶ ክጽበየካ



Berhe (bride's uncle) Kifle (bride's father), Emnetu and Berhane at the aftermath of the wedding day

Flight to Mombasa



Arrival in Mombasa airport



A snapshot of downtown Mombasa







Niyali Sun Africa beach hotel



Bemnet, Simone, Berhane and Emnetu



Guide showing Bemnet and Simone the site of their wedding place next year.



Bemnet, Simone, Berhane and Emnetu



Berhane and Emnetu on a beach tour



The hotels vast seashore



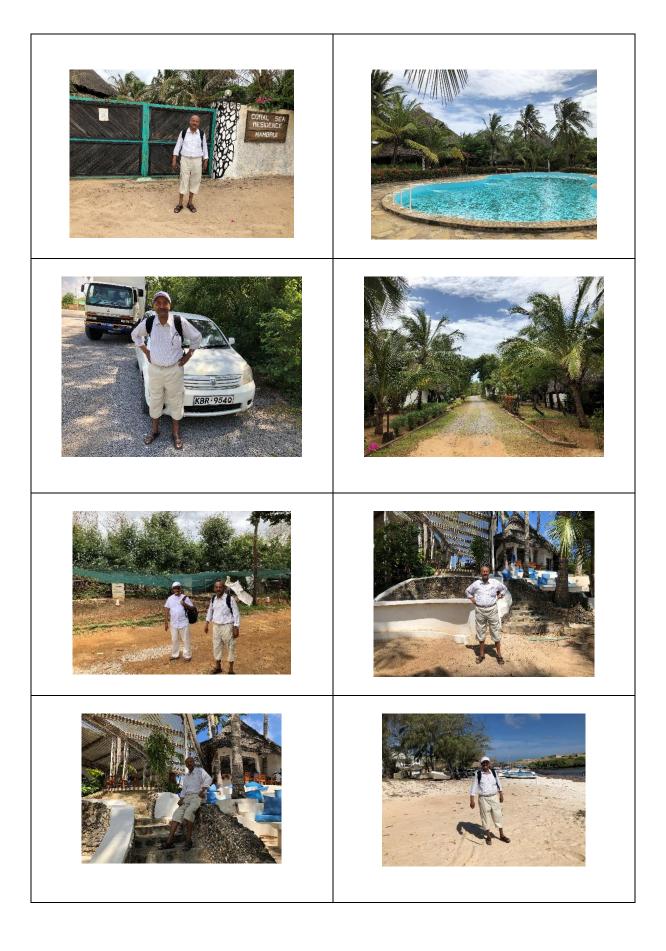
Niyali Sun Africa beach hotel



It was my first time to eat and drink fresh coconat



Niyali Sun Africa beach hotel



Poultry farmland in Makitosha (Malindi)



Unplanned trip to Ethiopia – It was so nice to meet cousin Muhur, Abeba, Ruth with children in Addis Ababa



Ruth with parents and children joined by Emnetu



Ruth and Muhur



Abeba, Ruth, Muhur and Emnetu



Abeba, Emnetu, Muhur, Rut and her children



Luchia, col. Mesfin and Emnetu at Lydia and Millions house



Noel, Lidya, Luchia and col. Mesfin



Rehat with Michael



Col. Mesfin, Robel and Michael



Emnetu, Col. Mesfin, Robel, Michael and Kidisti



Having traditional coffee at Kidisti's house in Adama

