

### Emnetu family summer vacation 2019

The entire Emnetu family spent its vacation together in Sub-Saharan Africa for the first time. It was amazing experience, 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 es 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 experience 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



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 coconut 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 Emmetu 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 Kilimanjaro 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 meters 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 gazelles



A flock of African Thompson gazelles



Again Selome spots a huge ostrich



Then a group of hippopotamus



Whildebeests are seen in big flocks



A swampy area of the hypos



Hypos sun shining on land



Zebras and whildebeest on the background



Hosted by the Massai – amazing experience



Massai dancers waiting arrival of guests



Dancing around 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 nap after meal and when the weather is too hot



Another encounter with zebras



Another encounter with the hippos



A lion so relaxed under the shade of a land cruiser



First encounter with black rhinos





New encounter with zebras and an ostrich



The lowlands of Gorongoro



The camp where Helena and Selome lodged



Selome and Emnetu



Last hour in the lowlands before ascending to the 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 cousin 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



Moses and Luam dancing to the tune ሰላላ



Climax of high music and dance





Eritrean women dancing to the tune መጸኅለይይ ክጸብዮ



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



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





Exclusive villa's in Maburui (outskirt of Malindi)





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

*The end*