

Unfortunately there were dozens of P.C. folk, all crashing at Andy's. Bodies

and junk & mess everywhere.

Wish in a way I hadn't gone. Not yet feeling well. Still get bad cramps, but only when I walk. Feeling tired & lazy.

Ran into many P.C. folks we'd already said goodbye to. Been trying to maintain the illusion that all will go well after our departure.

Instead, find out our house is falling apart, Kevin isn't exactly ingratiating himself to the family, Mr. Ichangana has been transferred, and the person chosen to replace me is timid & meek & speaks terrible French.

Stage is a drag as always. We had a very nice room w/ double bed, but got kicked out. Had a list of things to accomplish, but everyone's too busy.

Wednesday Sept. 9 Pagala

Yesterday was our 3rd ~~year~~ wedding anniversary - we've spent all 3 of them so far in Togo. We brought some white wine up from Lomé, ~~expecting~~ expecting a private celebration in our room. We didn't really tell hardly anyone. But to our surprise someone told the cook, and we were presented with a delicious carrot cake, complete with 3 candles!

Later we had a sing along under the pailote, and Mike & I then snuck off to sleep in one of the empty rooms with a double bed!

I've been feeling headachy lately - a general feeling of sluggishness & malaise. Don't know if it's due to laziness & inactivity, to the Fansidar, or is just psychosomatic.

Sunday Sept. 20

At the airport in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. So far so good - we left some 2 hours ago, arrived here 1 hour ago, and if all goes well we'll soon board an Air Iberia plane bound for Madrid & Paris.

It's been a busy, but thankfully not a hectic week. We had enough time to get everything done, and - to our delight - nothing went wrong. I did develop a cold a few days ago though, which has made me tired & crabby. I've also lately developed a fear of flying. So I just popped a Benadryl, which will hopefully both clear my head a bit, and put me to sleep on the plane. I've been popping altogether too many pills these days, what with birth control, vitamins, chloroquin, Fansidar, iodoquinol, & now sudafed, aspirin, benadryl. . . but - had a clear stool sample for the first time in

about 4 months.

Ayd Bliss invited us to his house for lunch today. Leslie is staying there, and made a delicious salad with blue cheese & bacon. Then they drove us to the airport. It was very reassuring to have people there to talk with, esp. Ayd, who knows the Soné airport routine well. It's a bit of a zoo, but not too bad. It did start raining hard, which gave me a bit of a scare, but by the time we boarded it had pretty much stopped. No magic boarding ramps here - you slog out through the puddles & climb those stairs! A very interesting mix of people in these airports. Every skin shade from white to jet black. Lots of money & very fancy clothes.

Had a good seat on the way here - lots of leg room. But no windows. As it's night, that's OK.

Things I will miss

- Feeling appreciated & a part of community
- Hospitality & feeling welcome
- Resourcefulness of people
- Comraderie among villagers
- Handicaps & fou's accepted

Men harassing women

Things I
won't miss

Being on display - catcalled - staring

Always being asked for things

suspect motives

creates distance - sours friendships

gunshy - once burned, twice shy

Stereotypes - all Americans are ...

lazy, weak, rich, need servants
have connections, power

People butting in - assuming you need help
never asking

Sense of repression - can't question authority
children fend for selves

Feeling singled out for teasing
personal life, appearance, habits

Mothers teaching kids to yawn, yawn

Don't listen, take direction, say they understand
when they don't

~~Don't~~ Lying & misleading

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Bien cher Maik bonjour,

C'est pour moi une joie totale et un plaisir de vous adresser pour vous saluer et vous présenter ma nouvelle.

Ma nouvelle est que je voulais que vous et moi, ensemble ^{now} remercions votre femme c'est-à-dire Karen qui a eu la bonne volonté avec vous en me supportant sur tout les plans depuis que vous êtes venus à Bogou. Je ne sais comment exprimer ma joie en vous. Le support que Karen ma donné cette année c'est trop.

Je m'arrête ici ; recevez mes remerciement et mes sentiments les plus respectueux

Que Dieu vous bénisse.

Votre BANANO.