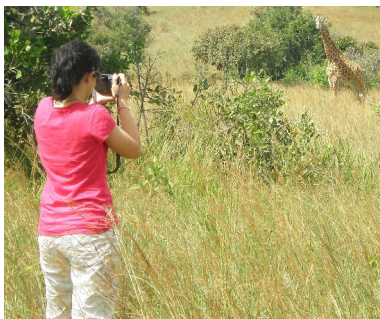


stimulating experience there. The students, mostly girls but a few guys as well, are very appreciative of all that has been provided for them in the way of sewing machines and supplies, mostly from the faithful and friends in Saskatoon. We took more supplies to them and also bought a number of the clothes they had made. They sang and danced for us, and at one point during one of the more energetic dances, they came and with great honor embraced Kathy and Sharon and led them into their circle to join in the dance. Kathy and Sharon were both overwhelmed by emotion at the display of such love and acceptance. This sewing school is a great thing and a tremendous opportunity for the students as well as a witness in the community of our love and life.

On the way back from Burema we went to look at the land that the church is hoping to buy. This is a different plot of land than was looked at back in January, since that land sold before we could get the money raised. This land however, is very nice, very accessible and close to the center of the city, and comes highly recommended by Fr. Philbert from R.E.A.C.H., whom we have consulted because he is a friend and because he has done a significant amount of work in purchasing and building for his own ministry. The owners of the property were very sweet people. Later that day we went to the bank where the EOC account is set up. Our purpose for going was to meet with personnel and ask questions about the process and the fees for transferring money directly between banks. We were royally treated, and the bank representative was very nice to work with and fortunately he spoke pretty good English. Later on I was able to speak with Fr. Philbert and run by him the information we believed we had gotten from the bank, and he agreed we were covering all the bases. As best we could tell, everything was in place and it would only cost about \$25 for a transfer fee for the \$23,000 for the land, which was a much lower fee than we expected.

We got to relax on Friday and take some beautiful shots of seemed so much bigger than Sharon was especially thrilled and were able to walk so close



go to the National Park and animals in the wild. They when you see them at the zoo! that we saw so many giraffes to them, since that is her

On Saturday I met again for some time with Fr. Denis to go over the service for Sunday. We went over the names of those who were to be baptized and or/chrismated, and then talked about the two men who were to be ordained deacons. One of the men and his children who were to be baptized was a Muslim who was converting to Christianity, because of which he is being shunned by his extended family. The two men to be ordained deacons were Gratien from Gitarama and Canisius, who has been a deacon-in-training at St. John EOC in Kigali. These are both worthy and capable men, and both will likely be priests at some time in the future. Deacon Canisius is from the Congo and will eventually go back there and begin an EOC church. There are two other men at St. John EOC who have been deacons in training since our first visit last August, but neither are ready to become deacons yet for various reasons.