

An amazing experience I'll never forget



I saw my name on a sign when I arrived at the Lilongwe Airport in December 2007. Hey! That's me! After a long flight (with a big Mamma and Boeddha baby next to me) it's great to be picked up from the airport by your 'own' driver who takes you to the place you'll stay.

During the course of the next 4 weeks I prepared the food for the animals, gave a bottle to a few baby monkeys, came up with enrichment ideas for Mr Baddy, the big baboon, cleaned enclosures, gave medicine to vervet monkeys, observed behavior of newly arrived vervets as they were introduced to each other, tried Nsima, did shopping at local markets to buy fruits and veggies for the animals, took care of a young duiker and grysbok, assisted the vet when he had to clean the wound of the python and give a shot to one of the young vervet monkeys, gave a fresh egg every day to a monitor lizard who was seriously injured by some children and then helped to release him three weeks later! Oh and of course, cared for Changa, the orphaned bushbaby (pictured); very cute!

I also had a great time with the animal carers. They're doing a great job and I was honored to help them in their daily routine.

If you want to know more of my adventure at the Lilongwe Wildlife Centre, please don't hesitate to send me an e-mail - Remke_lasance@yahoo.com