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### A week of tours

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Last Saturday (the 16th) I went with Susan, a linguistics professor, to the deaf school in Eldoret. We took balloons and made paper airplanes and origami with the kids. It was very neat and I was excited that my sign language skills started to return.

Sunday I went with Susan to a church which has a sign language interpreted service. We joined the deaf community for their own meeting afterwards. Susan is doing research on healthcare services for the deaf in Kenya so she is conducting interviews.

Tuesday I went with a group of Purdue Ag professors who were here for the week to a local university and listened to some presentations on tea production and soil fertility. We then toured the university fish farm.

Wednesday. We toured a fabric factory! Given my love of fabric and sewing it was very interesting to see the actual process of making cloth. We saw the whole process from bales of cotton to printing designs.



We had to wear masks because of all the dust



This machine is taking hundreds of spools of threads and combining them into the warp which is threaded onto the loom

After the fabric factory we toured a tea plantation!

We drove through acres and acres of tea fields to get to the processing plant.



Cameras were not allowed in the tea processing plant but it was very neat to see how they dry and sort the tea leaves.



It was a beautiful area, this was on the drive back from the tea plantation  
Thursday we went to visit a farmer group. It is a very large and well organized group of over 1000 farmers.



We are looking at one of their trial plots

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