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Local resident's plane delayed 9 days in country during coup

By DENISE McDONALD GORMLEY — When Tammy Butt left Gormley to spend her summer vacation helping malnourished children in Africa, little did she know she'd find herself in the middle of a coup.

"We went to the beach one afternoon and while on our way back were stopped by soldiers," she explains. "Everybody started joking that maybe there had been a coup. When we got home we turned on the radio but all it played was military music until the BBC announced there had been one."

According to Tammy, at no time were her or her travelling companions in danger, but their plane was delayed for nine days.

PEACEFUL

"It was always peaceful after curfew, although I had expected to see a lot more soldiers," she says. "I think the people, if not satisfied, didn't really object to the change all that much."

While Tammy admits the coup was exciting, she claims it paled in comparison to her summer's activities helping malnourished children.

On June 13, Tammy left for Zaire with girlfriend Kathy Patrick, whose father, a doctor, was on a year-long sabbatical to study malnutrition and AIDS in that country.

"I met Kathy at a Pioneer Camp for special needs children last summer," she says. "She told me about the trip and I thought it sounded like a great idea."

ON TO ZAIRE

Spending two days in Amsterdam, a week in England and five more in Kenya, Tammy and the Patricks stopped over in Nairobi so Dr. Patrick could lecture at a local university, then left for Zaire.

Once there, they embarked on a series of weekly clinics where they travelled from village to village, weighing and measuring

children and noting their arm circumferences.

"By doing this we were able to graph and plot all the children and see what percentage of them were malnourished," she says.

However, this was only a small portion of Tammy's responsibilities while there. She also participated in a re-feeding program for severely malnourished children in hospital.

BAD OFF

"If the children were really bad off when they came in they were immediately started on an oral rehydration solution," she says. "This helped their bodies function normally again. They were then put back into the hands of their parents for the remainder of their feeding."

Tammy says she was responsible for providing the children with certain amounts of milk five times daily to replenish protein and vitamins lacking in their diets.

However, while rewarding to help the few children she could, Tammy claims many did die.

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

The most wonderful experience I had with this program involved a little girl I looked after for two months," she says. "For the longest time she didn't respond to treatment, then all of a sudden she blossomed into this beautiful little girl. When she came in she was so thin and sat there so quiet. But now she's laughing and smiling."

In early September, Tammy and the Patrick family left for Bujumbra where they were to meet a plane for the homeward leg of their journey.

"We were supposed to be there on Thursday but we went in on Monday so we could take some children to school," she says. "It was a good thing too, because we couldn't have gotten in after the coup."



While Tammy Butt admits the coup in Bujumbra was exciting, she claims it pales in comparison to her stay in Zaire. Here she shows off an African bracelet, souvenir of her summer's activities helping malnourished children. — Denise McDonald

LOST LUGGAGE

Returning home Sept. 13 after the nine-day delay, Tammy discovered her luggage has been flown to Brussels, France by mistake. It was returned one and a half weeks later.

When not busy with her re-feeding and weighing programs, Tammy took time out to hike through surrounding mountains.

"A small bush plane dropped us off on top of the mountain and we lived with villagers for two days," she continues. "Then we hiked 50 kilometres back home."

Bridal party set to go for Oct. 19

STOUFFVILLE — If you or someone you know is planning to marry in the near future, you should plan to attend the Welcome Wagon's "Bridal Party" Monday, Oct. 19.

To be held at the Deer Park Inn, Highway 47, north of the Stouffville Sales Barn, the show will commence promptly at 7:30 p.m.

However, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wishing to browse the exhibits.

Approximately 20 bridal related services will be represented, with displays ranging from a fashion show, bridal salon, travel, photography, musical entertainment and much more.

Infinite care has been taken to provide a setting and program which will be of value and enjoyment to those attending, while highlighting the products and services offered by all participating companies.

This bridal party is by invitation only and is open to one other guest which the bride has chosen to help with the wedding plans.

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