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- A10 Download from Peace Corps web site providing information about the Peace Corps
- A20 World map to show flights from New Mexico to Texas to Germany to South Africa to Namibia.
- A25 Copy of shot record – I hate getting shots but I was glad for them. I didn't get a bit sick.
- A30 Colored map of Africa. Zoom in on S. Africa and Namibia. I changed planes at Johannesburg.
- A40 In Frankfurt, Germany. This is the plane I flew on to Johannesburg. It was a long flight.
- A50 Aerial view while leaving Johannesburg. Note freeways and overpasses. Could be in the USA.
- A60 This is airplane on which I flew from Johannesburg, South Africa, to Windhoek, Namibia.
- A70 From the same spot I turned and took a picture of the modern airport terminal at Windhoek.
- A80 Frank & I stayed at the Kalahari Sands hotel one night. It is probably the best hotel in Namibia. With a favorable exchange rate (1\$US = 10\$Namibia) it cost us only US\$85 and included a very nice continental breakfast. The lower floors are a modern shopping mall at which I needed to buy some clothes because the airline lost my luggage. That was inconvenient but not critical because Frank had warned me how to pack. I had the important stuff (books, gifts, etc) with me as carry-on.
- A90 Map of Namibia. Frank & I left Windhoek, drove to Swakopmund on the coast and stayed 1 night.
- A100 A Namibia road map shows it better. From Swakopmund we drove north along the Skeleton Coast. Boy it is really desolate there. Find Palmweg inland a bit toward Etosha. We stayed 1 night at Palmweg and got up early the next morning to go on a sight-seeing safari. Fascinating.
- A110 Example vegetation at Swakopmund – not much without irrigation. Trees are quite scarce there.
- A120 Late 1800's Europeans tried to haul ore from mines to coast. Tractor is evidence of failed effort.
- A130 See my new hat. By this time I've been in other clothes three days. But we got along just fine.
- A140 Picture of hotel yard in Swakopmund. Very European like - quite clean and tidy.
- A150 An honest to goodness promenade in true European fashion.
- A160 Postcard picture of Swakopmund. Tidy here belies trash elsewhere.
- A170 Walvis Bay is just south of Swakopmund and has a harbor for ships. Several are waiting to berth.
- A180 From same spot turn and take picture of sand dunes. It is quite dry there along the coast.
- A190 Chance meeting in Swakopmund with other Peace Corps volunteers. It seemed Frank knew people everywhere. The doctor's nameplate is coincidental but evidence of European influence.
- A200 Yours truly standing on the east side of the Atlantic Ocean. I was glad for the jacket – a new one.
- A210 Frank at the same place.
- A215 I didn't take this picture. Frank trained for a marathon and ran it at Swakopmund October '01.
- A220 Entrance to desolate part of Skeleton Coast. We had to sign in and pay to travel through.
- A230 Several miles up the coast looking south. Very barren. Atlantic Ocean in background to right.
- A240 Same spot, turn and look east (inland). No vegetation of any kind in sight. Looks like Moon?
- A250 Further up the coast we stopped by a 1976 shipwreck. It is hard for me to imagine that happening.
- A260 Picture of remnants of V12 engine which was part of the 1976 shipwreck. We turn inland at Tora.
- A270 This small enclosure is Palmweg on the map. It gives meaning to the words "desert oasis".
- A275 After delicious evening meal, Frank & I stayed overnight in this bungalow – generator off at 9 p.m.
- A280 Up early for breakfast and left on safari at 7:00 a.m. Bus held about 8 of us.
- A290 In surveying a foresight is what we look ahead to. Oh to have such height to see ahead.
- A300 We took pictures of natural wildlife from bus. Giraffe, zebra, and other animals.
- A310 Picture of poisonous shrub. Guide told stories about non-natives burning it and dying from smell.
- A320 Panorama of landscape. This picture is right-most of three.
- A330 Middle landscape picture.
- A340 Left-most picture of panorama. Remember, it was end of their summer. Vegetation is all dry.
- A350 Springbok's were numerous many places. In the food chain they are food for the Cheetahs.
- A360 Wildebeest headed for a waterhole – not a pretty animal.
- A370 Red Hartebeest on the roadway. It was not in a hurry to get out of the way.
- A375 As we drove up the Hartebeest posed quite nicely while we took this picture.
- A380 Typical waterhole. Doesn't look very clean but that is where many animals come to drink.
- A390 Dodge the elephant sh\*\* in the road. Would make a mess if you hit going very fast at all.
- A400 Frank at the south edge of Etosha Pan - large dry salt flats. Holds some water in wet season.
- A410 Yours truly looking northwesterly. Frank's village is about 40 miles in that direction.

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- A420 Yours truly at Halali compound in Etosha Wildlife preserve. Note “new” pants and shirt.
- A430 I didn’t take this picture. I didn’t see that much grass. But I wrote about watching the rhinos at the water-hole in my Christmas card last year. The rhino had the courage to stand up to an elephant.
- A440 Boabab tree – picture from postcard. Typical of native vegetation.
- A450 Internet café about 15 miles from Frank’s village. He would frequently walk to “town” to buy groceries, get the mail, and stay in touch using the internet. Mail was quite unreliable.
- A460 Modern post office. Sometimes Frank could catch a ride for his town trips.
- A470 School where Frank taught. About 300 students in grades 1-12. Frank taught grade 10 science and math. No running water except what was stored in tanks and no electricity – except solar.
- A480 One of the school buildings. It was “trashed” on the inside until Frank cleaned it up.
- A485 Frank at home of host. Wealth is measured in cattle. His host was “rich” - also had a blue pickup.
- A490 Two longhorn cattle belonging to host.
- A500 Cattle in corral – belongs to Frank’s host family. They butchered one while I was there. Hummm...
- A520 A good outhouse – I used it several times. Picture was taken 4-5 months before I was there.
- A530 The maize waiting to be thrashed when I was there. In previous picture it is just beginning to grow.
- A540 Pounding mahanga (the grain of the maize). Makes “good” pudding which I was able to eat.
- A550 Frank sent this picture of a goat slaughter. Life there is quite basic.
- A560 Frank standing outside door of compound containing about 6-8 buildings. Frank had small room.
- A570 Yours truly just before leaving to drive 450 kilometers back to airport – alone. Frank stayed.
- A580 The road to Windhoek was really a pretty good road. Cruise along at 120 kilometers per hour.
- A590 African sunset. Not really that much different than sunsets elsewhere. Pretty none the less.
- A600 I had to find my own lodging that night. I stayed at the Falkennest bed & breakfast in Otjiwarongo.
- A610 View of African plain north of Windhoek – looking east. Very expansive.
- A620 View of hilly portion from same spot looking westerly.
- A630 This is a termite hill. They are all over the place. They are also occupied by poisonous snakes.
- A640 Typical “Dutch” farmstead. Note elevated water tank and more termite mounds.
- A650 In Johannesburg – They said it took 3000 pound of paint to decorate this 747 airplane.
- A660 Picture at Frankfurt airport while waiting to fly back to the United States. I’m anxious to get home.
- A670 Having left Donna at home you can see why I wanted to get back home. Note necklace I got her.
- A680 Frank came home December 2002. In January 2003 he enrolled in graduate school in Madison, Wisconsin. In May 2003 he came back to buy a “southern” car. He got this Mazda Miata in Phoenix and likes it quite well. The picture is taken at sister Valorie’s place in Tucson, Arizona.