



Dear GEAA members and friends,

I am happy to report that I had a wonderful trip to Rwanda! It was incredibly gratifying to spend three weeks in Kigali working with government officials who are dedicated to preserving and improving their environment.



With Director General of the Rwanda Environmental Management Authority, Coletha Ruhamy.

For example, it is law in Rwanda that everyone must plant two trees for every tree that is cut down. They are really making an effort to reforest their country.



So, it was disappointing to return and learn that our local tree preservation ordinances - which have wide spread support of the governed - are under attack by our governor. I will be sending out a message directly with more on this important issue. Stay tuned for more today.

While I was sad to leave beautiful Kigali,



City Center, Kigali

I was really happy to find so many membership renewals in the mail box upon my return. Thank you! As of today we have received \$16,802 that qualifies for the membership match for donations of \$200 or more. That leaves us \$3,198 short of the full match. If you would like to help leverage all the matching funds on the table from the S/M Hixon Foundation, you can send a check for \$200 or more to GEAA at PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212, or you can [click here](#) to donate on line.

We also have matching funds available to secure money to hire a new GEAA Technical Director. So far, we are short \$3,550 to complete the full match offered. I will begin looking to fill this position this month. If you would like to donate to this fund your donation of \$500 or more will be tripled by the McCarley Charitable Foundation and GEAA Board members! You can mail a check to GEAA at PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212, or you can [click here](#) to donate on line.

Stay tuned for more on my trip to Rwanda. Glad to be back!



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