

Marrying Martha - Step One

Luo Traditional Marriage

After an 8 hour drive we arrived at Martha's family home by Homa Bay in Western Kenya. Everyone was waiting to see who this mzungu (white man) was that she was bringing home.



The dowry was to be 2 cows, but we ended up buying three younger ones. Martha's brother Shadrach had been to the market the day before to pick them out for me.

Cow #2





Cow #3

Martha's mom and her Aunt's had been cooking all day. Next was to serve me a meal. The flash of the camera makes the room look lit up, but you can see I have a flashlight in my hand. There is no electricity yet to her mom's house so we only had a kerosene lamp, and I wanted a better look at what I was eating!



This Rhinoceros Beetle decided to come in and check out what we were having for dinner!

*So now I am
traditionally married
according to the Luo
culture in Kenya to
my beautiful wife,
Martha Awuor
Orowe!*



*(from left)
brother Shadrach,
sister in law Jackie,
Mom, Martha, Steve,
brother Edward,
Martha's son Abou*

*Wednesday we go to the government
office to get married officially with a
license. Then on Sunday we are having
our ceremony in Nairobi with our great
friend, Pastor Bernie Gillott of Global
Teen Challenge officiating. And on Wed
my best man, Anthony Ho will arrive so I
am really looking forward to everything
that is going to happen this week. Thank
you everyone for your prayers, love, and
support. Martha and I really appreciate
you all. God is so good!*

