



Trip to Bugamoyo, Tanzania

Arlyn Norris talked about his first trip to Tanzania at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 25. There he visited a museum about slavery at a Catholic Church.

There was a large slave trade between Bugamoyo Zanzibar in the 1800s. The slave auctions were in Zanzibar and slaves were sold to Arabia, India, the Spice Islands, and South Africa. About 1.4 million slaves were involved in the 19th century. Only 20% of the slaves made it to the slave markets. Most died along the way.

One of the notorious slave traders was called Tippu Tip. He was a plantation owner and governor, who worked for a succession of sultans of Zanzibar. He led many trading expeditions into Central Africa, involving the slave trade and ivory trade. He constructed profitable trading posts that reached deep into Central Africa.

He built himself a trading empire that he then translated into clove plantations on Zanzibar. By 1895, he had acquired "seven plantations and 10,000 slaves. Officially, the slave trade was forbidden in 1873 under British pressure, but it went

on secretly for several years.

The museum also had a Cameroon Bible. It has watercolor prints from Bible stories, using black people for the characters.