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Hello to all,

We are home again.

We arrived home late Thursday afternoon after 36 hours of travel from Cape Town, via Frankfurt.

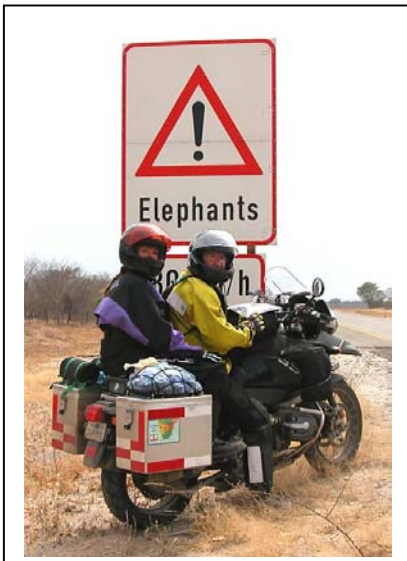
Our home is OK, as are those of our neighbors. Our families' homes are all OK, although we understand that one of my brother-in-law's homes was surrounded by flames and was on the fire line. We expect to have more details after we speak with them.

Steph knows of several people whose homes have burned and have lost everything. We are just beginning to research charity and relief opportunities, but a cursory search today showed there is no shortage of opportunities to help those in need.

All of our bags made it home in fine shape. The flights were fine, although the last couple of hours of the flight from Frankfurt to LA got a little warm and bumpy for Steph.

Some trip factoids:

- We drove about 6,000 miles around Southern Africa, with about 4,500 of those miles by motorcycle.
- We traveled through six countries.



Riding the Caprivi Strip,  
Namibia

- We took about 15,000 digital photos, which took about 35 gigabytes to store.
- We shot about 13 hours of videotape.
- We used two sets of tires and 1.5 quarts of oil.
- We stayed in 25 different hotels and campgrounds.
- We were gone about six weeks.
- We discovered at least 40 vintners of excellent South Africa wine.
- We have no idea exactly how much we spent.
- We would do it again!



Four bins of mail  
awaited us.



Steph on Safari in  
Botswana



Hiking in the mountains of Namibia.

Special thanks to all of you who kept us in your thoughts and prayers and were worried about our safety in Africa and that of our home here in California.

I've posted some updates on the web site and will continue to have new material there over the next few weeks:

[www.hackneys.com/africa](http://www.hackneys.com/africa).

We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Until then,

be well,  
Doug



Shooting the Sossusvlei valley in the Namibian dune sea.