We did some traveling through Libya

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Tobruk's German War Memorial

We did some traveling through Libya. Believe me, it was a lot of driving. But we managed to see the countryside and get more of a feeling of the history of this country, past and present. We spent one whole day surveying the ruins of Cyrene, a beautiful site on a high windy hill surrounded by pine forests.

We were able to just stop anywhere and swim during the hottest part of the day. Now we really look like Libyans. In Tobruk we visited the German war memorial and signed our names all together in the guest book. The monument is like a castle fortress (with no windows, and only one metal door) on the hill overlooking the bay at Tobruk. We were moved to be there.

Unfortunately we were not able to meet many people because of all the driving we had to do to see everything. There is a beautiful new university at Benghazi. On the way back we made a stop at the Roman ruins of Leptis Magna and they are really magna! There, much restoration has already been completed and it was a real pleasure to enjoy all the history. We were exhausted when we returned but glad to be back safely. Libyan drivers are quite dangerous and reckless.