FIRST THOUGHTS FROM CAPE TOWN

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I flew out to Cape Town for the third Lausanne Congress on world Evanglisation (I won't give it the full title in future) last night. The eleven hour flight passed off without any incident or exitement. I didn't sleep much, but there was a good selection of movies, so the time went fairly quickly.

When I landed, I got a text from Sue saying that she had landed safely in Antananarivo, but that her case was still in Paris. Hopefully, it will catch up with her before she gets her internal flight South.

The conference organisers have done a great job of meeting us at the airport, taking us over to the conference centre and sorting out how we should get to our accomodation. Given that there are 4,500 delegates arriving in a short time, good organisation is an absolute key. I had to hang around a while before I could go over to the flat that I will be sharing with two other guys for the next week or so. Hanging around the conference registration, I bumped into a number of friends from the UK as well as Wycliffe Colleagues from Africa and the Carribean. I also had a great chat with to people who work with Scripture Union in Madagascar. They had heard something of the projects that Sue is working on and they were excited to learn more about them. it's good to make connections like that.

So far, I've not seen much of Cape Town, and by the looks of the conference programme, I'm not ever going to see a great deal of it. However, what I have seen is beautiful. It makes a fascinating contrast with Singapore. There the city is dominated by skyscrapers, bright lights and all the wonders of human creativity. Cape Town has a few skyscrapers,but the dominant sight is God's workmanship on Cable Mountain. I'll post a gallery of photos later, but for the moment, the two pictures on this post were taken from the balcony on our flat.

