

Rome Wednesday 18th, 2006

DAY

Soon we will travel to our destinations countries (at midnight Friday) so now was the time to meet people who could talk about cross-cultural communications and to meet previous volunteers from the countries we are going to.

A most interesting day, I talked to Pamela Shao who gave us very nice information about the country in whole. She was very happy to meet us and said that Dodoma where we are going to is the home of the tribe Gogos and are one of the regions which are suffering hard due to the poverty. Dodoma is very hot, humid and dusty this time of the year, but she thinks we will enjoy our stay anyhow. She was also talking about Mbwabwa which we also are going to which are located south of Dodoma. Singida, located north of Dodoma is another place we are going to.



Pamela Shao

She recommended us to visit the Masai's, the Ngorongoro crater as well as Serengeti. Both Janet and I think this is a good idea to do as the opportunity surely not will come once again.

In the afternoon we are visited by a storytelling pro and this was both fun and serious practices we had. We learned about our Storytelling role, what they need from us and how they use the material. We learned a lot of what's make a story worth telling including it's photos

EVENING

The evening was free so we volunteers made up our own event. We went to a nice local pizzeria nearby, and wow, it's a big difference between the pizzas at home compared to the ones you get here. We had extremely fun and all of us volunteers seems to be real personalities and I am really happy that Janet has a great sense of humors as this surely will be an asset when out in the field, tackling the poverty and other sad things.

I am taking a huge amount of photos and the volunteer's sees me as a photo terrorist, but I also have some good shots due this behavior. Had a presentation of a "movie" I made late last night, by using the Windows Movie Maker programme. The Movie was called "Team 9" with lots of good and funny pictures of us volunteer's, nice transitions and good music. We laughed a lot and had a good time.



Sietske, Jaime, Kjell & Melanie



Kjell, Sietske, Andrew & Jaime



The "crazy" mature team