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DAY



Belinda, Gloria & Janet



Janet getting help from one of the natives

Our teacher had her daughter with her today as the school bus had left her behind, a real quite, 9 years old. Learning Swahili is not an easy thing to do, especially when you are a grown up as I am. I wish I was much younger as the ability to learn quick and easy are so much bigger. But let's not give up, we have to hang on in here... Hopefully we are learning all the time, our driver teaching us by asking questions in Swahili, the personnel at the restaurant in the hotel has begun asking us in Swahili. We just can't get away from the language. This is really good and probably the best and fastest way to learn the language.



Gloria



Belinda



Janet

After lunch we took one of the local buses to the market, which is one of biggest in East Africa. All buses are small and in a very bad shape, seats for approximately 12 people. Those buses had not been allowed in Europe. The market is enormously crowded, and beware of the pick pockers. The stores, in some cases sheds are selling everything you can imagine. It was really amazing to walk around amongst the natives and feel the atmosphere, the smell, look at all the beautiful colors of the clothing's.

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EVENING

Tonight we are invited by Karla Hershley for dinner with some friends to her. The friends was Christian from the WFP office and his girlfriend. Both of them from Norway. We were taken to Dar es Salaam Yacht Club which is located north of the city nearby the Oyster Bay.

The road just nearby the yacht club was awful, lot's of potholes and dust and the car was waving like crazy. Lucky enough no one got seasick. How would that looked like outside a yacht club ashore?



The sea view from the yacht club

The Dar es Salaam Yacht Club is a very popular place and you need to be member, or a guest to a member to be able to get inside. You better be there early, before the dusk, otherwise you might not get a table. We were there before dusk but had difficulties to have a seat anyhow. The place has a wonderful sea view with the yachts anchored at the waterfront. Most of the visitors are "white" people; the prices are descent and the food / barbecue surely great. This we do not know as we only had a couple of beer at the club.

After the beer we went to one of the new popular restaurants of Dar es Salaam, Hot Africa.

The restaurant is located not far away from the yacht club, but without sea view, though. But they had excellent food. We had a very pleasant evening, talking about sailing, scuba diving and of course some job related discussions. Christian's girlfriend have only been in Dar for a couple of months and were to take a certificate for scuba diving, therefore the talk about scuba.



Christian, Hanna, Karla & Janet at "Hot Africa"

Karla invited us again, and told us that next time we will be in Dar we can stay at her house as she have extra rooms which we can use. She also invited us to go out fishing or scuba diving as she also was a diver. Very kind of her and we happily accepted. Karla was kind and gave us a lift back to the hotel after a very pleasant evening.