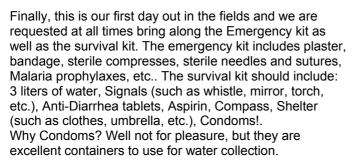
Ipera Primary School

Friday February 3rd 2006



As soon as we leave the village and enter the road to Ipera, we find one of the trucks from WFP, which is stuck in the sand when passing a dried stream. They are trying to lift up the wheels and try to put stones under the wheel. Here are several people who are helping the driver and his assistants. And even more are there to see how this can be solved. They have started to unload the sacks with food and are really working hard. This is one of the problems WFP have when distributing the food to the schools. The roads are not in a good shape. Sometime you should be glad if there is a road. They consist of sand or soil, stones, humps and notholes. A ride on these roads needs a 4 wheel

bumps and potholes. A ride on these roads needs a 4 wheel drive to manage all the problems. WFP and its driver's are doing an excellent job under these difficult circumstances.

We are passing many small villages on our way to Ipera, the distance to go on these rough roads is 136 kilometers, and we are delivering a letter to the Primary School in Kibakwe during our journey. After a while we are passing a second truck from WFP who is carrying the cooking pots, maize, etc. Women are carrying water on top of the heads, the bucket is quite big and the volume is approximately 20 liters. At the same time she is carrying a small child or a baby, sometimes hanging on her back. Women, men and children are often carrying a hoe, surely on the way to work in the fields, trying to get some seeds planted in the soil, in case the rain

will start to fall. But so far, no rain has fallen for a long time. This is the season when the maize should have grown to a height of 50 centimeters, but most often nothing has grown. The situation has not been as bad as today since last 20 years according to officials.

We are driving in a valley between the mountains and in spite of the drought, the landscape are very beautiful. In general, Tanzania is a beautiful country with its nature and the friendly people. The closer Ipera we come, the more worse gets the road, at one time the car is near to flip over side when getting through a difficult passage.



















The seminar is opened by a member from the district council, there after Mr Willbroad, greets all the attendants and explaining why they are here. It is also explained to the audience the role of TNT when it concerns the School Feeding Project. They are informed that our company this year has donated USD 500.000 to the project. Also that TNT on top on this, are sending volunteers as us to work together with them, 3 times a year for 3 months each. Air tickets, salary, etc. are also paid by TNT.

To greet people are very important before starting a conversation, therefore all participants are introducing themselves, the volunteers included, and all in the language of Swahili. After the greetings, the education can start, James from MIGESADO are heading the course and are really a good teacher. By engaging all attendants, using questions, jokes, and in whole creating a very warm atmosphere, all attendants are listening very closely. They are asked about what positive effects the new stove will have, all the time engaging people to act.









James shows how a "good" and reliable Bantu-brick should look like, and then asks the artisans to go out and collect aggregates of their choice to use for brick making. All of them are putting the aggregates in a circle showing which school they represents. After this he shows what size to be preferred. And always repeats the important facts. When someone or something is excellent, the same will be greeted by hand clapping three times.

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there with a stick in his hand and watching them carefully and correcting pupils not behaving in a correct manner. Class by class is queuing up towards the "kitchen" and some pupils are doing their duty inside by giving a certain amount of food to each pupil. This kitchen is still using their old stove, the traditional three stone stoves. These kitchens are not healthy at all, lots of smoke and the children, doing there duty, are forced to stand inside all the time during the lunch is being









served. Even worse it is for the cook who is standing inside this smoky and hot area for hours when preparing the breakfast and lunch every day. Being here as "wazungo" is really interesting for the kids who not are used to meet white people, and everybody is curious and comes closer and closer. We greet them and start to shake hands with them and this spreads like a fire







amongst the pupils.

Suddenly you are surrounded by nearly 800 pupils as everybody wants to shake hand with you. Willbroad brought some cookies along from our house and gives these to the kids, same reaction again, everybody surrounding him and wants cookies. Before starting a new lesson after having lunch, all pupils are supposed to attend a walk or rather a march. Everybody is lining up class by class and in front there are drummers. They start to walk class by class accompanied by the drums and they walk some kilometer alone without teachers, what a fantastic feeling hearing all the children singing when walking by.







