



Friday February 24th 2006

Stove construction at Chaludewa Primary School

Yesterday our mason from MIGESADO, Msafari proposed that he should stay over night from Thursday to Friday at Chaludewa. Because that would enable him and the community members to have an early start with the stove construction. This is of benefit as are doing two stoves in one day. One here at Chaludewa and one at the sister school named Seluka. So consequently, Msafiri is already at Chaludewa when we arrive to the school.



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Boys	18	241		259
Girls	19	191		210
Number of teachers				
Total				469 (teachers excl.)

The school is located 85 kilometres from our base camp Mtera.

The stove construction

When we arrive to the school, Msafari and the local mason have constructed half of the stove and here are many community members to help and watch. As the construction precedes very well and all necessary material are in place we do not need to assist and are free to talk to teachers, school committee and the community members.



Many are interested to have a look at the construction



The chimney in place



The new stove is ready and can be used after 7 days of curing

Latrines and Hand washing

The toilets are not good at all, in fact disgusting and doors are missing and no hand washing facilities available. As usual this is noticed to the Head Master who claims that this will be arranged soonest. We are making a note about this in the schools log book, so this can be followed up. By doing a note in this book, secures that this will be done, as the log book is available to everybody, to the community, school committee, the commissioner, etc. and if anyone finds that the needed actions not has taken place, this will be notified.



The cook

Serving breakfast

Shortly after our arrival it was time to serve breakfast to the children and Janet assisted the cook with the serving, she now has a good experience of this and everybody appreciates that a "mzungu" woman is a part of the



process. Before the breakfast is served, all children lines up and do the hand washing and some of them also cleans their plate or mug at the same time. It is very good that they have this routine.



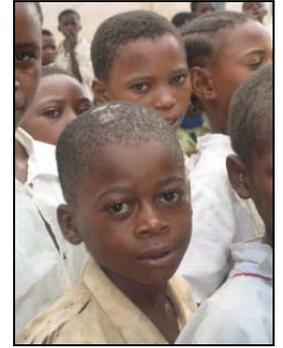
Janet serving breakfast



Hungry



Also hungry



Even more hungry

The medicine man

During the time the breakfast is being served, the medicine man comes and talks to me and wants to sell his “kuku” to me. I was not interested to buy the “kuku” to him and he could not understand why, so at the end I said that I don not eat “kuku” and that was even more peculiar to him, but at the end he went away. But it is always easy to be wise after wards, I might should have bought the bird of him and donated the bird to the school kitchen.



The medicine man

The orchestra and the march

When we were here yesterday afternoon, Msafari was to stay over night; we showed them some video sequences taken at Chinyika Primary School. The comment then was that the construction of the kitchen and the stove was not the challenge; it was the orchestra and the march.

And we must admit that they had taken the challenge, the orchestra and all the children lined up and started to play and sing. And they really did a good performance.



The orchestra



Singing before the march



The march



Saluting the national hymn

The march started and we joined them and walked around the school compound. At the end of the march everybody lined up again and the orchestra played national hymn and all the children sang. Many of the smaller children were in their class rooms and looked through the windows or were standing at the door. I was standing in front of everybody saluting them and the national hymn.



Talking to the class



The audience



The community members



I think that the whole community was at the school today, because at the same time there was a food delivery from the Government which was distributed to the people. So we had a BIG public this day, and it is really nice to see such a colourful crowd, it is especially the women wearing these cloths, the traditional “kangas” and a scarf on the head, all very colourful.

peech

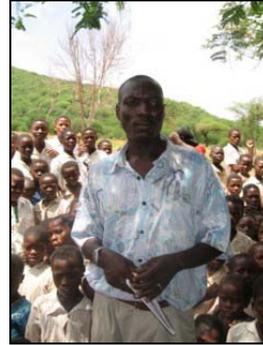
The head teacher welcomed us to join the “crowd” as many were interested to talk to us and to express their gratitude over the donation from TNT. I and Janet were welcomed to sit on a chair which we politely accepted. The children started to sing, and one of the girls was the lead singer who some times was singing alone and then all the others filled in, really nice. When doing this all people start to dance to the music and songs. Everybody joins the dance and so do Janet and I.



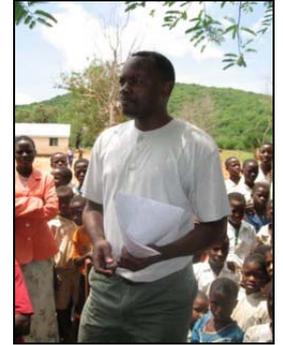
The girls sings and dance



Dancing together



Teacher's speech

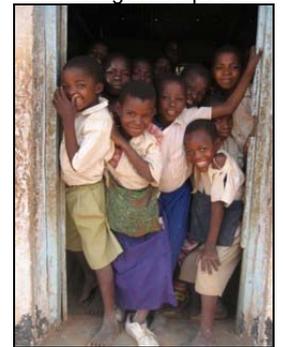


Mr Karugaba's speech

After the songs and the dancing, a teacher holds a speech on behalf of the school, the teachers, the Head Master, the School Committee, the children and their parents and the community as a whole. He expresses their thanks to TNT for the fantastic donation of a new fuel-efficient stove and says that this will improve the cooking and the working environment for the cook. At the same time he declares that they do lack so much of everything that all donations is highly appreciated. It is now my turn to say something and was the following in Swahili:

Jina lango ni “baba Kjelli”, unatoka uswidi, jina lake “mama Janet” ninatoka lengereza. Nina fanya kazi Gothenburg na camponi ya kimataifa ya TNT. Ninafurahi sana kufanya kazi na ninyi. Asante sana.

Translated to English: *My name is “baba Kjelli”, I come from Sweden and this is “mama Janet” she is from England. I live in Gothenburg and am working for TNT. We are happy to be here and to work together with you. Thank you.*



Look everybody...

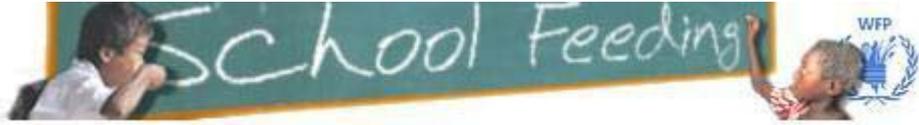
After the speech, we are invited to have lunch at one of the teachers house and we are being served chicken and chapatti plus tea with lot's of sugar added. We have a nice talk and thank the (young) mama for the good food by saying “Asante sana, mama, chakula kizuri”

At last



Do not forget this important event; the walk this year is taking place in May 21st in your city or a city nearby. You can





register your attendance by visiting <http://www.fighthunger.org/signup06>.



Salama
"Baba Kjelli" Rosengren

