



Thursday March 2nd 2006

The Kikombo Mystery

We have to go to Dodoma for the weekend to fix the car as the bumpy roads are rough. But first we are going back to Kikombo Primary School, the school we delivered cooking pots and handed over the donation of 4 footballs from Adam Garrett in UK in february 17th. The reason why, is that when we were at this school first time, we had the feeling that something was wrong, as the teacher looked disorientated and seemed not to remember Adam and Dana who had given a donation of a fuel-efficient stove to this school by private funds. The school is not included in the school feeding programme. The school is located within a Government research area and is quite healthy, all the children have clean and the clothing is proper. Since we were here last time we reported back to Adam that we had handed over his donation of footballs as well as the cooking pots. His reaction was, cooking pots? We (Adam and Dana) had already delivered pots...



The pots fit and the teacher are ashamed giving such information

Something was really wrong here, so we talked to the Head Master again and asked once again why the new stove not was used. He said that he was informed (by someone) that the cooking pots received was oversized and did not fit the new stove. Funny, because last time we were here, he claimed that the pots needed to be repaired.



Boiling water for tea

Willbroad asked him to get the cooking pots so we could find out what the problem was so they collected all the pots (4) and they had all the same size and fitted the stove well. He was really ashamed and could not give more specific explanation. Second surprising information was that the parents are to contribute with food to the school but as only 50% fulfilled this, the other halves stopped contribute. So the only thing they used to do at the old 3 stone stove was only used for boiling water for tea. And this had been the case for at least the last 12 months!. This is so strange because this is facts which Adam and Dana should know or at least been informed about, or have discovered during their time here.

With this information, it was a kind of misplaced donation of both stove and footballs as there are hundreds of other schools in these regions who have more needs than Kikombo.

Consequently, we loaded 2 cooking pots on the car and said good bye to the teachers and the Headmaster, but the teachers who was ashamed did not show up to say goodbye, he was too ashamed. Then we returned to Dodoma office to find out which school now were lacking 2 cooking pots.



Loading the pots to be returned

At last



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