

Dar es Salaam, January 23rd, 2006

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Today we are at WFP Country Office in Dar and several meetings are being held.

First meeting was with the **Head of Programme, Mr Philippe-Serge Degernier**. He welcomed us and informed about the regions we are to visit and gave us some tips how to avoid Malaria amongst other things. We were also informed that reports from the schools are very important, i.e. how much food was delivered, how much used, how much left in stock. This must be done as the donors need to get a report of how their money is used. In some cases, the schools report the first months of the year and then they do not. In those cases, much time is spent to push them. They need to be informed repeatedly about the importance of reporting.



Second meeting with the people of the **Programme Unit (Programme Officers, Programme Officers Asst and Programme Unit Asst)**, everybody told us about their responsibilities and duties within their respective areas.



Third meeting was with the **Deputy Country Director, Mr Giancarlo Stopponi** who gave us information what to expect and some of the problems raised by earlier volunteers. Valuable information was received, and confirmed what Janet and I had been speaking about. A kind of special mission. After this we had lunch at a very nice Indian restaurant in a kind of shopping mall, located in the middle of smaller sheds and houses where lots of activities of selling are going on.



After lunch we paid a courtesy visit to **Ministry of Education & Vocational Training** and talked to **Fortunatis Kagoro** and **Mrs Ntunkamazima** (not sure of position). We had a Brief discussion on School Feeding; class sizes (recommended 1-45 pupils). Training for teachers – accelerated program for 1 year and 1 year field training. The Challenges for schools. Number of new teachers per year is around 5000.



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EVENING

We visited the Internet café for updating the web site. The rate was only 500 shilling per hour. Sitting in front of the computer I understood why it was a low rate, you get what you pay... Old computers and the bandwidth was zero, even opening Word as program took time and it was not possible to view my pictures as thumbnails. My main reason to be there was to upload pictures to the site. I failed completely due to above. I've got pissed and left back to the hotel and went to the restaurant for dinner and then early to bed again.