

Day Off at Mpwapwa Rest House

Wednesday February 8th, 2006

Today we had a day off and we had a couple of hours in front of our computers, crazy... But reports and other things must be done using the laptop. After lunch we took a walk from the rest house to Kikombe Primary School and then went down the hill to Mpwapwa town. A nice walk with nice scenery and we took some photos as usual. "Down Town" we went in to some shops to check the price for Kangas, the traditional and colourful cloth which women are wearing here in Tanzania. They also wearing a cloth called, Kitenge and the difference between these are, that the Kanga has a sentence printed on the cloth, while the Kitenge has not. There is also a difference of the quality, where as the Kitenge is the most expensive. In Mpwapwa you can buy a Kanga for TSH 3,500, while you have to pay from TSH 7-8,000 up to TSH 25,000 for a Kitenge



Colourful dress

As nothing special to report today, I will introduce you to some of the people we are living and working together with here in Tanzania as well where and how we stay over night.



Willbroad Karugaba

Willbroad are the School Feeding Programme Manager and is a copy of Eddie Murphy, very look-a-like and always ready for a laugh. He is the one who is preparing and setting up the schedules and arrange our over night accomodation. He also follows up everything ensuring that all works out according to the plan.



Msafiri Warioba

Msafiri, is our driver, and is a very good driver, always calm , and nothing seems to stress him. Maybe because he has served the military forces and seems to know every road (if there is any) and stone where ever we are heading.



Mama (Anna)

Our wonderful cook (mpishi) #1 at Mpwapwa Rest House, 57 years old and have 6 children and creates nearly to good food and taking care of our laundry. She is not English spoken, so we need to think hard, when trying to understand what she is saying in Kiswahili. But this is only positive, we are forced to learn...



Mama Makoye (Sarah)

Our wonderful cook (mpishi) #2 at Mpwapwa Rest House , 53 years old and have 7 children. Wonderful food... She is now learning English at school and likes to practise with Janet. She also likes to teach us when it concerns Kiswahili.

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We have four camps where we stay over night and no one is bad, they are actually quite good.



Mpwapwa
Rest House

This house are located in a Government area for Agriculture and Live stock development. Only people working with Agriculture and Live Stock Development and we are allowed to get in to this area, and you need to pass a secured gate. Nearby we have Kikombo Primary School and early in the morning, the pupils are passing on their way to school. Here we have our wonderful Mama's taking care of us.



Mtera
Rest House

The Mtera Rest House are located at Mtera in an area owned and controlled by TANESCO, Tanzania Energy Supply Co Ltd. Only workers within TANESCO and special guests (like us) are allowed to be here. To get the permit to stay over is a long process and starts in Dar es Salaam and takes some turns before getting an OK. This is mentioned in previous report, dated 2006-02-02



Comfort Hotel

Located in Singida area, probably the most cosy hotel amongst our four camps. Really nice, if you do not bother about below

1. immediate killing of a big cockroach
2. throwing out a huge grass hopper from the shower...
3. try not to have the door to the toilet in your head, as it is hanging loose...
4. do not care that the water coming from the tap having the colour of brown...
5. not bother about the hot water knob you get in your hand when trying to get a hot shower...



Dodoma Hotel

Located in Dodoma, the capital city of Tanzania. The best of them all, a very comfortable hotel where we stay for some weekends. Have nice rooms, good restaurants and café and a swimmingpool which can be used as this is the only place having water in it. The hotel also have internet connection which we do not have at the other accomodation places at all. Dodoma also have a relative big market area where you can find all kind of merchandise.

That's all for now folks

Salama
"Baba Kjelli"