

Stove construction at Mlunduzi Primary School

Wednesday February 22nd, 2006



Today's mission is the stove construction only. The trip goes the same way as to the school visited yesterday and without meeting trucks or other vehicles having problems. One thing which is different from other days is that the President of Tanzania, Mr Kikwete will visit our base camp which is located within Mtera Hydro Plant owned by TANESCO, Tanzania Energy Supply Company Limited. Her are a dam supplying the hydro plant with water for the turbines. But due to the deficiency, the dam has not enough water and the plant can not produce any electricity, and the President is here to have a presentation and roundtrip of the dam to be informed about the present problem.



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Mlunduzi Primary School	Pre-primary	Primary	Cobet	Total
Boys	22	152	12	186
Girls	35	111	6	152
Number of teachers				4 employed+2 xtra
Total	57	263	18	338 (Teachers excl.)

The school is located 69 kilometres from our base camp this week at Mtera Hydro Plant. It is a relatively small school having 346 students.

The class rooms

Also at this school they are having materials in the class rooms which not should be here, but we have understandings for doing so as they are lacking a proper store room for the food at the moment and some building material are stored in another class room. They have a building under construction and to have the material stored outside is to dangerous as it most probably will be stolen if doing so.

Latrines and Hand washing

Not the best in show at his school as well. We are missing possibilities for the students to wash their hands after a visit. This was brought up to discussion with the Head Master and The School Committee and they immediately placed water containers outside the boys and girls latrine. For the second time only, we now are witness to how the students are lined up for washing their hands before having lunch, all very organized. It is a pleasure to find that this school consider the hand washing as important before eating.



Hand washing before lunch

The stove construction

We immediately bring the material from the store room (class room) to the new kitchen so everything is in place for the mason and "fundi". Then it is time for breakfast and we are invited to the teacher's house and we are served hot milk and donuts, Tanzanian style, the best we had so far, really good. Under the bricks outside the kitchen we find a BIG black



Breakfast at the teacher's house

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scorpion, the biggest I have seen ever, unfortunately it was killed immediately so I had no chance to take a picture.

The children and the teachers with wife's

We socialize with everybody and talk to the teacher's wives and their children and shooting some nice photos.



Wife posing



And she's having fun



First time seeing "wazungo"



52 years old and blind

We are joining a class having mathematics and the teachers show what they can by requesting them to count in English to ten, they can count higher figures but this lesson does only cover up to ten.

Today we have a big skipping rope and just before lunch we find some children sitting in the shadow of an ikuyu tree. We start the skipping rope and it takes a long while until the first one dare to jump in. When she jumps we count in English so they at the same time will have a counting lesson, after a while I count in Swahili every second time they jump and this they find both amusing and amazing and so do the teachers who now also is looking at us having fun with the children. When I bring the camera everybody suddenly wants to skip as they want to be photographed. Sometimes it is chaotic and one of the older boys looks after them.

It is now a tradition to let the children have fun with the balloons before we leave and the children really have a good time until the balloons explodes.



Mathematics lesson



Skipping is fun



Salama
"Baba Kjelli" Rosengren