



Monday February 27th 2006

Stove construction at Nzungilo Primary School

It was seventeen days ago we last visited Nzungilo Primary School for brick making. Today we are going to use these bricks when constructing the stove. As we are coming from Dodoma today, we are travelling through the highlands and the scenery during the trip is just as beautiful as it is at Nzungilo.

It has been raining for some hours this morning as we have had a thunderstorm passing by. It is not possible to drive so fast on the road as it is very slippery and there is sometimes a lot of water in the big potholes, sometimes it is nearly a lake to go through. This is not good as we normally have four hours drive, but now we will be delayed. Due to this we arrive some hours late, we arrive only at 14.30

hours which is very late as the construction of a stove takes three to four hours, and then we have some hours drive back to our new base camp for the next coming days. Between Monday to Wednesday our base camp will be at Comfort Hotel at Iringa, located at the main road to South Africa.



In the highlands

When arriving to the school and the children notifies that we are here, they are so excited that some are rushing out from their class rooms. Some of them are so excited that they jump out through the window to see us and to watch the work. The teachers let them do this as the teachers also are to assist us with the construction.

We do as we use to do now; we greet people and inform them what and how to do today. For instance, we have learned the people by now that it is easier to line up for delivering the bricks, cement and other material into the kitchen than every person carrying the material all the way from the store room to the kitchen. Lining up is much more efficient and the work is not as heavy as when carrying the material by your own the whole distance.



In the highlands

When all the material is in place at the kitchen, we do some skipping with the children and we all have fun. Some of the children are really good at skipping and here we have a new experience. They show us how they use to do and that is to have two groups of people, the first group jumps in and jumps three times while they says what they are doing. Then they jump out, and the next group jumps in from the other side, and when they do this, the skipping rope changes direction. And so they keep on all the time, changing the groups jumping in and out.



Lining up for clay

Today I am doing the first recording for the Swedish Radio. My intention is to do three recordings during my stay in Tanzania. Following are the stories planned;

1. "A volunteer's day in Tanzania"
2. "A visit to the refugee camps in Tanzania at the borders of Burundi, Congo and Rwanda"
3. "A visit at the Masai schools" or "A visit at a HIV/AIDS centres in the region of Arusha."

The stories will be broadcasted nationwide in Sweden later this spring.

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Back to the kitchen again to find out how the construction precedes. It is soon time to mix the cement and we need aggregates with a certain size. We need to sort the aggregates we have and some we need to re-size. We have all a good time together with the community members; they appreciate and laugh when we try to practise our Swahili.

Our driver from WFP, Msafiri always ready to give a helping hand, mixing cement, carrying bricks, talk to the people and talking to the children. The same is valid also

for Mr Willbroad Karuga, the School Feeding Programme Manager Assistant. They are really good representatives for WFP.

Peter Msafari, the mason from MIGESADO is a professional and a very good team leader, he does not command the people, and instead he is proposing and instructing them in a nice manner.

When the construction of the stove is finished, we have a late lunch at the Head Masters house. At the same time we hand over some photos to the cook, which were shot last time we were here and Janet assisted her in the old kitchen. She was really happy and proud to receive them.

It is now late in the afternoon and we need to hurry up so we can manage to go "downhill", because it will be very tough to do this in the dark, we manage to do this and reach the valley just when the dark begins and we precedes our journey to our base camp for this week. We arrive very late, at 21.00 hours, we have a quick dinner and then the bed is waiting...



Re-sizing aggregates



Msafari (blue cap)



Reminder



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>.



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