



## Finalizing the water harvesting tank project

March 27<sup>th</sup>–April 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Big events

Today is a big day for 2 reasons;

1. We leave Singida
2. We hand over the water tanks to Sagara Primary School

Willbroad Karugaba (School Feeding Responsible) advised we would have a small speech to be delivered at the Sagara event which was hastily written over breakfast. We said our goodbyes, packed our car and we were off. We should have arrived at 10.00 but were late by one hour. We almost did not recognise the school, there were flowers everywhere, a shelter for the sun, decorated class room for lunch and the children were dressed up and ready to greet the visitors. As soon as the car drove up they were singing and wearing flowers. The District Executive Officer and the District Commissioner were late so we inspected the watertanks and the newly painted inscriptions and took some photographs of the community who had turned out in all the finary. Eventually the officials and HAPA (The water tank NGO) arrived and the tanks were officially handed over. The tap was briefly turned and a few drops of water were seen.



Willbroad gives a helping hand with the text



District Commissioner arrives, song and dancing begins



Kjell decorate the compound with TNT balloons



Young mama with cute baby



Old mama wearing her finary



The sun is hot and people trying to get some cover...

Soon the speeches began and we heard from the Village Chairman, Head Master, District Executive Officer and TNT. Kjell gave an excellent speech and the whole event was captured by ITV (Independent Television Network, and were broadcasted on following Sunday as "Event of the week"). The village choir wrote a song on our behalf and we were honoured and proud to be so tremendously treated. Soon we were called to the front to receive gifts from the village. Kjell received a fantastic Masai spear (made by the Mangati tribe within the Singida region) A spear can only be handed over from man to man and is a proof of being a brave man who can fight against lions. This was to be seen as a victory as I bravely had been fighting against the lion (the water shortage) and defeated the same. Janet received a beautiful wooden bowl (kalebass) full with grand nuts and belt to.

Once again we were surprised and proud about the display of caring. Soon the choir were singing and dancing and we decided to join into the delight of the crowd. We danced the local steps and finished on a flourishing waltz.





The last person to speak was the District Commissioner who stole the show with his wit, humour, energy and also gave a number of clear instructions about the school becoming more self sustainable. Kjell took the chance and placed a TNT cap on the head of the District Commissioner in front of the television camera and held a short speech to express how honoured and touch by heart we were to receive so much caring and that Sagara for sure for ever will be in our hearts and friends for life. After an excellent lunch it was to time leave. We has a long journey to Dodoma ( we have a press conference on Friday) and hit the small back road because it was quicker. Nightfall quickly came and suddenly there was a bump and lurch and we thought had a flat tyre. On inspection we found the wheel had dropped off! This was the end of the road for WFP vehicle mobile #49. Gradually a couple of masai people appeared out of the darkness and we asked them where the nearest mobile signal was. They said about 6 kilometres away. We secured a torch and started to walk. Suddenly we saw a head light in the distance slowly moving towards us. Two guys from World Vision stopped and offered assistance. After some debate Willbroad jumped up on the back of the bike and headed off into the wilderness. We retreated to the car to make ourselves comfortable for a long wait. Luckily we had water and grand nuts to sustain us. Two hours later we saw the motor bike slowly coming in to view. Willbroad sooned explained he had hired a pick up truck for a bargain price of TSH 100.000 and it was on its way.



The commissioner is very proud over his TNT cap

We gave the masai boys two live chickens that Willbroad and Elly had been given as gifts at the Sagara event and we promised some payment if they guarded the car overnight. We piled our belongings in to the pick up and climbed in the back to make ourselves comfortable. It was extremely hard on the bum and we shuffled around until we got ourselves into comfortable positions. It was quite cool and Kjell produced an Ikea blanket to keep Janet warm. We laid on the floor of the bouncing truck staring in to a fantastic starlit sky showing the full glory of the milky way.



Janet looked at her watch as the hours ticked by and was concerned when the truck suddenly stopped but thankly it restarted and we continued. At around 1 AM, we started to see electric lights which signaled the town we getting closer. Eventually, cold tired and hungry. We pulled in to the Dodoma Hotel and secured our rooms.

A dinner was served (in the middle of the night) and had a beer at the bar. Some members from the parliament was in the bar as it was time for them to have their regular sessions at Dodoma. Especially one of them was pretty tight and rude (he could be lucky that no journalists was present, because this person was one of the top guys and would have been great stuff for a reporter with camera this night. He apologized the day after...

No more mileage for vehicle mobile #49

**FRIDAY**

Friday was a special day as the first of the TNT food arrived at Dodoma in branded bags. We were part of a press conference to make the announcement and to publicise the Walk The World event. We took our seats at the front of the conference room and we had rehearsed a speech and anticipated the likely questions, there was approx 70 people in the audience and amongst them there was journalists from several newspapers, 3 radio stations and ITV News. Janet was surprised to be called up on to deliver the speech as we had prepared and thought it would be more effective if the speech was delivered by Kjell. We fielded a few questions from the press and preceeded to visit the WFP grain store. We returned to the hotel to prepare for our journey to Arusha the next day. We were surprised to see ourselves on the 8 and 10 o'clock ITV news on television the same evening.







The next day are set off and we arrived in Arusha 11 hours later, tired and exhausted. There was a harendous storm and accident and we awaited over a hour to get into the city. Next day was a Safarai trip to Manyara National Park which turned out to be small beautiful and stuffed full of Giraffes, Elephants, Hippos, Birds, Monkeys and 7 lions resting up in a tree. If you ever have the chance, please pay this park a visit, it is worth it...



We left the park and headed towards our place to stay over night, named Gibbs Farm.

### SATURDAY

Gibbs Farm was a fantastic place (a recommendation made by Adam Garret from the previous team, the best of all the places we have stayed overnight), located high up on a hill with great view over their own coffe plantage. Really nice exterior and interior, we had rooms in small houses within the farm and there was no television and no radio, really great. This was the day we were going to the Ngorongoro crater (National Park). We were surprised when we arrived to the gate to pay ther entrance fee, they had increased the rate from USD 30.00 to USD 80.00 for tourists but it is worth the money (national citizens only pays TSH 1500.00)



To get in to the crater itself you need to climb up to 2600 metres by using the car, then you can start to go down to the crater floor. A really great place to visit. We were able to see lot's of zebras, elephants, hippos, wild beasts, buffalos and even tigers and a leopard! Fantastic.





We returned back to Gibbs Farm late in the afternoon and was served a great 4 course dinner.

**SUNDAY**

**Waterfall Walk**

Early in the morning we had a walk to the top of a nearby waterfall to see caves made by elephants. This guided walk takes about 2 or 2.5 hours and winds its way in and out of the forest highlands with breathtaking vistas; you will often see wildlife and always a multitude of birds.



**Birds**

There are over 200 different species of birds at Gibb's Farm. If you are an avid birder they will schedule a personal bird walk with one of their naturalists or you can simply spend the day on your own checking off your life list.

After this fantastic walk we headed back to Arusha



**Dreadful facts**

*There is enough food in the world to feed everyone. Yet, malnutrition and hunger still afflict one out of every seven people on earth.  
Why?*



Do not forget this important event; the walk this year is taking place in May 21<sup>st</sup> in your city or a city nearby. You can register your attendance by visiting <http://www.fighthunger.org/signup06>.

**Positive facts**

*WFP attacks the root causes of unger by helping people improve their lives. WFP gives food aid payments to women and men to make improvements in their communities, like building roads, health clinics and planting trees*



Salama  
"Baba Kjell" Rosengren & "Mama Janet" Dutton