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### Deaf school again

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Monday morning I spent gathering supplies and preparing for the afternoon. It was quite difficult to find sand here but I finally found a long-termer whose child has a sand box. Quite a number of the guards and workers at IU House ended up helping me prepare.

We had quite a number of people who wanted to come watch the science experiments for some reason so we had a pretty large group (7 or 8).

My demonstration was on erosion and how ground cover reduces erosion significantly. Leonard and Patrick at IU House helped me make a water device by drilling holes in the cap of the 2-L bottle. A couple others helped me find and cut other 2-L bottles in half to hold the soil.



The kids here know a lot about erosion. One, because its very obvious and most people directly depend on farming for food. Second, by 5th grade they are expected to know the different methods of erosion, etc.

Aaron's demonstration was the good old diet coke and mentos.





It was quite a hit!

At the end we put a chicken bone in one of the diet coke bottles that had some diet coke left in it. After a few days the bone will turn rubbery from the calcium being affected. The kids are supposed to watch what happens and report when we go back next week. Unfortunately Monday was Susan's last day so next time we will have to go to the deaf school without her.

Tuesday-Thursday

Made progress on the agriculture extension officers training manual now that I have had feedback.

Tuesday: a very useful Swahili lesson ("itanyesha haraka?" means "will it rain soon?"); had chocolate cake and ice cream at dinner

Wednesday: delicious Indian food for dinner

Thursday: keeping on

Friday morning I and a few others went to Imani Workshop (part of AMPATH - HIV+ woman make jewelry, bags, etc) to help with some painting and moving shelves around. After we had been there maybe half an hour there was a raid by immigration officials. Two people had to go to the immigration office and the lawyer met them there. On Tuesday the lawyer has to take copies of our passports in to the immigration office. They accused us of working without work permits. Thankfully the lawyer is on top of things and is sure everything will be fine.

After all that excitement, some of the students had a game night in the evening. Ticket to Ride and Bananagrams were the games of choice!

Saturday I went with Patrick to a deaf meeting I had been invited to. I didn't quite follow what it was about when they invited me but I found out that the 7th Day Adventist church was starting a deaf ministry and had a deaf pastor visiting. The deaf pastor preached and it was very interesting to have the sermon translated in to English instead of from English into sign language.

After that I spent over 4hours getting picking up a dress I had ordered as it was still not done correctly and they had to keep making alterations. At last I took with me and made a few last changes myself. While not what I wanted it fits well enough and I wore it to church this morning!

Dr. Lumkes, Mary from Purdue Global Engineering Programs and the rest of their group arrived Saturday night. Its great to see them all the way over here in Kenya.

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