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Science Experiments at the Deaf School

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This past week was also a bit unusual.

Monday afternoon John and I toured the Tumaini Children's Drop In

Center. www.tumainicenter.org The Tumaini Center is a place that street children in Eldoret can come to during the day. There are over 1000 street kids in Eldoret and many of them are addicted to sniffing glue. Tumaini has educational, skills training, and fun activities for the kids. Tumaini means hope in Kiswahili.

Tuesday afternoon I helped with organizing the Watalamu Handiman workshop.

Wednesday afternoon a few of us went into town. I finally found a store that had normal sized yarn! The common size yarn here is very fine. I have already made two jellyfish, an octopus, and a sea urchin.

Wednesday night after the IU House group dinner at a local restaurant (great Chinese food!) Aaron and I practiced our science experiments (that we did Thursday at the deaf school) for some of the kids around IU House.

Thursday afternoon a small group of us went to the deaf school in town to do science experiments with the older kids. Susan, a linguistics professor, is the one who had the idea of us doing science experiments at the school.

First, we made a non-Newtonian fluid from corn flour and water. When you touch it softly it is like slime but when you apply force it is hard.



Explaining the experiment



The kids loved getting to actually do something hands on!
The education here is very rote, no demonstrations or experiments. This is particularly bad for visual/tactile kids ie. deaf children!

The second experiment was the tornado in a bottle experiment!



Aaron explaining



They also love pictures!

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