

Stranger in this World



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It wasn't until a couple days passed that the Purdue group actually went to AMPATH. In the morning we toured AMPATH's clinic, farms, food distribution center, and FPI (Family Preservation Initiative).



Some of the hospital buildings.



This is a sack garden which they were making as we toured the farm.



The vegetables grown on the AMPATH farm is given to HIV/AIDS patients. Patients see a nutritionist and are given a prescription for food if they are too weak to farm.



Greenhouses where they raise Passion Fruit seedlings for sale. The men were grafting.



I was pretty excited to see that AMPATH has a couple BUVs!



FPI offices are in the bottom floor of this building. The rest of the building is a warehouse for the hospital.

The Purdue students usually work in the FPI offices. There are 5 students from Purdue here working with FPI.

I am working on redoing agriculture training materials given FPI extension agents. These agents are sent to farming cooperatives to train the members in agriculture and business practices. I was joined by another student last week.

Aaron is the other undergrad student and he is working on the AIV project as well. He is working a survey of water use and irrigation practices in the region.

John is a master's student of soil science under Dr. Schulze and is working to develop GIS soil maps of the greater Eldoret area this summer.

Marcia is a grad student in horticulture and she is working to expand African Indigenous Vegetables (AIVs) sales in the local market. Focusing on a few key species -- spider plant, amaranth, and nightshade – her summer will be spent in the market research phase of the project. In this phase, she will be identifying market chain strengths and weaknesses in providing a variety of consumers with these nutritious vegetables.

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