

Blackberry reception is very spotty, so I've not been able to email as hoped.

Today, Saturday, we visited sub parishes of Kifula. We received very warm welcomes everywhere we went. The people of Kifula are so grateful of the friendship between Faith and Kifula. The best story is of a small group of Christians a few miles from Kifula, who are surrounded by Muslims. But, they are still filled with such Faith that they are planning to build a chapel and become a Kifula sub parish.

We ate five meals today! Rice, bananas, plantains, beans, cabbage, and chicken are the staples. The chickens have done a life's work of laying eggs before becoming supper, so they aren't quite as tender as Dahl's chicken breasts.

I'm staying at Silas' home tonight while pastor and family remain at Pastor Kissimbo's home.

Tomorrow, we will participate in worship. Pastor will preach and I'll read the gospel in English. My Kiswahili isn't as good as Jerry or Brian's. We will give the gifts of school supplies, digital camera, prayer bears and water well tomorrow. We gave the confirmation students frisbees today. I don't think I've ever seen such joy in children's faces as they played.

One of our bags got lost, and just arrived. We are trying to figure out how to get it picked up on Monday. The pump portion of the well is in that bag and we would like to help install it--or at least give Silas and Charles instructions. Charles is a retired school teacher who is in charge of building their office building--or at least coordinating all of the efforts. I feel some of his pain!

Tom & Jerry, the church does have a phone land line located in the old church building. Monday, Silas and I will go see if we can look into buying a modem and dial up Internet service.

I will try to write again tomorrow if I can get bb service.

Feel free to forward this to anyone who has an interest.

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Sent via Blackberry