

**EMAIL FROM AMELIA 19 September 2007 FOLLOWING HER TRIP TO AFRICA  
WORKING WITH THE CHARITY RAINCATCHER** reg charity 1110696

Hello, it's Amelia, sorry it has taken so long to reply it's been a busy few weeks. We had an absolutely amazing time, it was definitely a once in a lifetime experience and i would not have been part of it if it wasn't for yourselves at GEW and i am extremely grateful for your kind donation.

Here is a summary of what we did out there:

We arrived in Dar Es Salaam safely in the afternoon the next day, it took us nearly three days to reach Tabora on busses and we stayed in hostels each night. We stayed at the Priests' house in Tabora for one night, they were so kind to us and they even prepared food and ate with us. The priests' took us down to Ndono (a smaller village about 45 minutes away from Tabora) where we started our charity work. We camped at Ndono secondary school for four nights, it was an all-girls boarding school for ages 14+ and takes in girls from very poor or ill-treated homes. While we were there we painted the inside of their multi-purpose hall and decorated it, we also painted some of the girls' rooms. The boys, however went to the primary school down the road to build the latrines for the four days we were there. We also met all the pupils and had a lesson with them, we taught them english and they taught us swahili. All the pupils were amazing and it was great fun getting to know some of them. On our last day there we played a football match against the local team! We had over 300 people who came to watch us and each paid for their ticket, all the money raised went to the school! It was the most surreal experience ever, everyone wanted their picture with us and to touch us! We were even in the newspapers and on the news itself!

After our four nights at Ndono we went back to stay with the priests for two nights. While we were there we went to an orphanage to help out, we did things like play with the children, feed them, wash them and help make bricks for the extension- it was really upsetting.

The next 3 Nights we went on a Safari through the Ngoro Goro crater and the Serengeti in jeeps of five people, we camped each night and even had an elephant in our campsite at the Ngoro Goro crater!

We then went trekking for 3 days, we started in Lushoto and walked to Mtai (up a mountain). On our last four nights we stayed at Kippepeo beach to relax and reflect on everything we had done over the last 2 and a half weeks.

The whole trip was absolutely unbelievable and i still can't believe that i actually went. It is so different out there, everyone is so happy and always offering help. Walking down the road people wave at you and stop to talk to you even if you don't know them. The children out there are unbelievable, they always laughing and smiling and want to talk to you. Throughout the whole trip we carried pens and paper with us to give to the children, we also had small toys and clothes to give away. At the end of the trip we gave away all of our clothes we weren't wearing and any spare items to a local orphanage. I met some amazing people out there and i really learnt a lot from it.

kind regards  
Amelia Bainbridge