



MAJI MOTO NEWS

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Construction works launched!

Last week we have already started the realisation of the ultimate goal of the Project - building of the school. Maja and Leszek met in Nairobi with our constructor, Mr George Osiro, who was recommended by James Ofwona. Mr Osiro is Luo and comes from Kogere, where previous project of Simba Friends Foundation took place. He came to Maji Moto after helping our Staff with purchase of materials for construction.

◀ Mr George Osiro, Leszek Romanowski and Ben - truck driver

The first part of the materials arrived in Maji Moto on tuesday, accompanied by Leszek. It was already 11.00 p.m. when first truck arrived, and the ofloading took 4 hours. We were helped by 20 Maasai, who quickly took care of the load. We were really suprised with pace of their work and their strenght. We came back to the camp at 3.30 a.m. Fortunately that night elephants didn't come to the spring to drink, as they had been for several nights before. All of us safely came back home.

Marta and Piotr met with Salaton Ole Ntutu at the plot ▶



Before Mr Osiro came to Maji Moto the fence on the plot have been made by Jarred, local carpenter and his co-workers. The other work done prior to the construction launch was reorganization of our storage to enable the contractor and his employees to sleep there. Then we were more than happy to welcome them in Maji Moto.

After the fence was finished, the materials in the storage - everything was more than ready for construction's launch.

◀ Mr Osiro with his fundis measuring the plot

First things done by Mr Osiro was organizing the place for himself and his employees, meeting with ready to work locals and measuring the plot in order to plan the buildings and start digging trench for foundation.

In meantime we were buyinf subseqent parts of materials, including balast, stone-blocks and and timber. We even established good business relations with one of the most serious middle-men in Narok - Mr Emanuel, who first provided all the polls for the fence.

School will be exactly here ▶





Water will be running soon!

On Thursday, 31/07/2008, we have started digging the trench for water pipes. First four Maasai employed for the job of 800 meters long and 2 feet deep trench, worked beyond our expectation. Since Friday, we already had 8 of them, and now there is 18 Maasai working. We were surprised how well can these men organize their work - they divide themselves into smaller groups of four - one is digging, next one is removing soil, third is deepening,

◀ Maasai workers digging the trench

and the fourth takes care of the digging leftovers. After couple hours they usually go for lunch, coming back after one hour and working hard until the daily distance is done.

We expect to have the trench ready for putting pipes on Monday, 11/08/2008. That day a local specialist from Ministry of Water Works, Mr Kereto will come to supervise our plumbing works, and to confirm the good quality of our water system. From that day we shall have running water!

Trench up to horizon. Impressive.▶



Our Manyattas are almost ready

After weeks of awaiting, hard work and loads of mud, there they are, our Manyattas finally ready for us to move in!

We have finished all dirty works around and now shelves in each room are to be made by our Maasai Mamas. They come regularly every day to make beds and shelves out of sticks (fito).

All the walls have already dried, as well as the roof. We are now thinking about some small

◀ The biggest Manyatta - new home for volunteers

Maasai interior design, such as putting shukas on the walls, kangas on the shelves and mats on the floor. It will be 100% Maasai.

We have three houses - one is Coordinator's house, we have one 'Couple suite' and in the biggest house there are two rooms with 3 beds each. This biggest one will be a home for most of the volunteers. Each house has nice veranda.

The whole team is very excited about moving in, what will happen next weekend.

Our new houses in beautiful surrounding ▶



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