

Weekly report from Jacqueline's 4th week with AiNA soa

Okay Saturday was a very lazy day but at least I went to the market and it wasn't raining. I'm so happy with all those delicious fruits here. Especially the different kind of passionfruit's ☺.



Sunday I was invited by Andi & Elisabeth who are here since 7 years and work for Helimission. We had a nice afternoon and I learnt a lot about where to buy different things (such as fabric). On Monday it was again my turn to cook, as I forgot the fondue-pot in Elisabeth's car the previous day, was it

raclette time for the team. It was really delicious, also with some kind of rata-touille added. As I brought the garbage out I almost threw it about this little guys head... well as I saw him he was light blue coloured, but until I had the camera he already turned more greenish.

Tuesday started with an early phone call from Elisabeth, who

asked if Chregi could bring a special device from Switzerland to check something at the helicopters from Helimission. So the parcel was sent to him via express and he could pack it the following day. For me it was a day with some administration work.

On Wednesday I had a meeting with the medical team and Laza to share the ideas about what could or should be changed in the book from AiNA soa. The team was very glad to hear the different topics and was open for new ideas. Especially as it is also connected to the trainings about basic in nutrition

during the growing years. During the afternoon we had a teaching in a small classroom in the school right next to our office. Natanaela and Sitraka did the translation. It was Sitraka's first time to translate someone but it went really good. Shortly after I was back home Dorothee from King-

sKids called to ask if Chregi has space in his luggage for a birthday present. Well I knew that he had around 4 kilos left. But I explained, that he

will fly in almost 12 hours, so it gets quite tight to organise. As her sister lives close to the airport, she met Chregi there at the "byebye bar" well the "little present" which has the size of A4 seemed to be quite big ;). But he could somehow manage it to press it in the carry on and it got just a little squashed.

Thursday was a busy morning, as we started with the training already around 8:30 in an orphanage. It was a new setting for me and I've prepared more for this training, as



it was in an orphanage from IRIS Global. It was good to see that

around 20 people were listening. After “usual” presentation we added the specific topic about nutrition for babies. This part was translated by Tahiry, it was the first training session with him so far. It went good and I had time to talk to the women who are in charge for more than hundred babies who need homemade baby milk. I’m impressed by their work and hope that the training could help a little bit, that in the future maybe the babies get more than rice water with sugar... As it was already noon when we left the orphanage, Natanaela, Tahiry and I have eaten lunch in a little hotely. Later we went to the market to get some fruits and had a nice fruity dessert at the office. Andi from the Helimission called me, that he will get the device from Chregi tonight and that he wants to be at the airport in case of trouble at the customs. So he offered to pick me up at midnight, to get to the airport together. That was good for Laza, as he didn’t need to come to the airport. When picking up people at the airport in Tana everyone needs to wait outside. But as Andi is a pilot he was allowed to go inside so he met Chregi already after the passport was checked, while I waited outside. It was great to welcome Chregi in Madagascar and that also this time all luggage arrived☺.

Well on Friday was already the third training for this week and we could go to the KANANA base. It was a little special as it took place in kind of a living room, with more Dutch people than Malagasy. But



it was still a good group with interesting questions and discussions. Especially about the protein malnutrition in the bushes and the different “tabu’s” people have. I could learn a lot from the leader of KANANA. Moreover we had also a great view and got a little aperitif, which was nice.

Saturday we could go to Tana together with Maro to two big stores which sell fabrics. Well as we already drove at around 7:30 we had not a lot of traffic and were at the first store five minutes before it opened. It was nice to see and buy some fabrics, but not yet satisfying. Well the second was overwhelming...



It was also great to drive through Tana and see all busy people selling things on the street and we enjoyed a nice “not-really-Malagasy-lunch” ;).



It was a good week with many external trainings and it was great that Chregi also arrived on this wonderful and huge island. It’s hard to believe that already one month went by and just two more weeks are left with the team of AiNA soa. I’m looking forward to the next week with 4 external trainings planned.

*‘But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.***

Matthew 6:33-34
