

A letter from Botswana

Hi everyone!! i absolutely love it out here!! the project is fantastic and the kids are the best, most of them lol!! some of these guys have either never set foot in a classroom or haven't been in one for years, yet in their exams around 67% of them passed and i got an A which is almost unheard of so i really feel as though i am making a difference to these boys lives.

It was really daunting when i first arrived because i was the one who had to go in the back of the truck with the kids who i had never met before and i new were all delinquents! i was nervous to say the least. The whole 9 hours on the back of the truck none of the boys spoke to me and i had to break up a few fights but nothing serious! but if the rest of term would have been like that i don't no what i would of done

After a week or so they started warming to me and Tom and we have learnt a lot more about these kids. Some of which i don't know why they are even in this school, i don't think i want to know in case i treat any of them differently. I know around 60% of my kids have HIV but i don't know who, and don't really want to, because i really do love these kids now and i don't now how i could cope. There is one kid called Jerry, and all he learnt from his home was stealing and he just can't help himself, he stole from me twice and tried to steal from Mr Harpt the head teacher twice as well but this kid is the nicest boy you will ever meet. He is such a hard worker inside and outside of class and anything you ask him to do, he will do with no hesitation yet he still can't help himself from stealing, its such a sad story and I am doing everything i can to help him, but i'm always watching!!!!

One of my unforeseen duties is Python catching...i know AWESOME!!!! a bit scary the first time and the adrenalin really gets pumping, but its gettin annoyin now because they always come out at stupid o'clock GRRRR, so i have to get out of my bed and catch these things half asleep, fingers crossed eh

I just love it out here and want to thank everyone who helped get me here because this place has changed my life and i absolutely love it.

Thanks everyone

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