

FICE International events in Kenya

In the first days there was een exchange between professionals. We sleep at their homes en they showed us how they work. So we saw hospitals, schools, sportactivitys, homes of the project: grandmothers raising grandchildren, but also so many people (home visitors) who are volunteers. We were very surprised about the work they did, how many work the did, but also they work from the heart.

To be at the homes/families was very interesting and also a bit exciting, because they live very different compare to us in the Netherlands. We went back to the basics en we loved it!

The people were very kind to us en took really good care of us.

At the conference there were a lot of countries speaking about child en youthcare in their country. After this day we visited 2 local organisations. Agabe, an USA organisation for streetchildren. And we went to an child en youth prison.

After this experiance we went to Masai Mara, a very long drive, but it was worth it! We saw the most beautiful animals (big 5, check!), met the Masai people and enjoyed the nature. With the Netherlands (total of 5 people) we travelled back from Masai Mara to Nairobi. But we made a fiew stops, at Nakuru and Naivasha. At this places we also saw a lot of animals, but also a lot of nature (Hells Gate).

All together is was een unforgetteble journey! We saw en learned so much, it's hard to describe. Kenya is a very nice country and the people are very warm. We felt welcome (Karibu!) all the time. I hope we took a little bit of that kindness with us back to the Netherlands.

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