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Kasaka

Yesterday was our last full day with Ed, Lee, and Brent here, and it was a great day to end on! We spent the morning at Andrew Sibwaalu's farm, Kasaka, worshiping with his church there. Lee preached and Brent lead communion. It was yet another typical African experience. We rode to Kasaka in the back of Andrew's truck while singing the whole way and piling more and more people in. The Kasaka church doesn't have their church building construction completed yet, so we sat on log benches under a few trees for worship. (picture attached) After worship they treated us to a local, favorite drink made from corn meal and some sort of root that has soured a bit. It's pretty bad, but somehow the guys gulped it down. I was impressed! Andrew's family gave us two of their chickens as a gift when we left. He sells these for a business, so it was touching that he would give us two. I've attached a picture of Meagan carrying one of the chickens to the back of the truck. This was a first for her!

Sunday afternoon Lee and Brent road bikes 7 km into town to visit Edson (one of the brick layers) at his home, while Ed stayed here to prepare for his lesson for Sunday night church. I'm so thankful for the encouragement these guys have given this construction crew here. Brick layers don't frequently have a mission trip that focuses on their work! It's been neat to see them receive the honor and respect that they deserve but rarely get in the job they do.

Sunday night Ed preached at Namwianga church and did a wonderful job. He told the story of Jesus and the joy that we have in Him. The congregation was blessed to hear him speak.

This morning Meag and I got up at 5:30 to see they guys off. This has been my first time to host visitors and tell them bye. It's a lot different when you are the one visiting someone - that is all I've ever done until now. Sometimes I feel like my life is just a long series of hellos and goodbyes.

I'm excited for the eternal hello we will all have one day. Our visitors have left us today with higher brick walls than we would've had otherwise, 4 tables, one huge book shelf, and encouraged spirits. They have blessed this mission in many ways, and I'm so thankful for that. Thank you all for helping to make this construction mission happen with your prayers and support. I know God has been pleased with this crew!

God bless,
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