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Taita

Rural Homestay

Jan 23rd - Jan 29th 1998

Wangombe Family
(Wasesa, Taita Hills)

Guide: Charles Momba
Homestay Brother/Teacher

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Kitaita Crosscultural interaction

1/25/98 Cross Cultural interaction is everywhere. Discussions with Barisa and Aba are really just a question and answer. Barisa seems very interested in what America is like. The questions they ask are very interesting in seeing what types of Stereotypes they have about Americans. They ask questions like "Does everyone in America have cars" or "What types of foods do you have. The language barrier seems to be there, but we are doing a good job, getting around it.

On the other side of things, I have started to put truths and falsehoods to the pre-conceptions I have about Taita people. I enjoy asking questions about daily life. And Barisa told me that they are free to marry whom ever they want. A good discussion with Barisa this morning led to questions dealing with Mike Tyson. I tried telling Charles and Barisa about my wrestling, but I don't think they understand.

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- The children just saw a plane overhead and were so ~~excited~~ excited, it was as if they never saw one before. It really gives me a perspective on what impressions we put on things, and how we take ~~things~~ things for granted so much.

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Family

Taita

1124/88 - The Family Unit seems to be the Center of Taita life. The believe in an extended family but don't differentiate like we do. They don't believe in Aunts and Uncles and Cousins. Everyone in the family is believed to be ones mother ~~or~~, father, Brother or Sister.

1125/88 Conversation with Daftan

- I discovered the importance of family and Urban / Rural life. Daftan Although he lives in Mombasa, He still feels that Taita is his true home. I've discovered that the only reason why people really move away is due to work.

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The Roles of the family Structure seem to conflict a bit of my misconceptions, The men seem to help with the Cooking and Cleaning as the Shure responsibilities of the house. But there is a definite structure when it comes to like of Power. (Tiba) The oldest males, seems to have the final say in things.

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There is a Boy in the family who is disabled. I don't know what his exact condition is, but he is impaired. ~~I don't~~ They treat him the same in most ways. ~~but~~ He goes to school, ~~and~~ but he seems to be left out in a lot of Family activities.

Traditions + Ceremonies (Tatar)

- 1125177 - ~~Rain~~ Conversation with Charles (Lukani)
- Sacrifice goat for rain and examine the intestine to see what the problem is.
 - Performed by the elders (Rain Makers)
 - Only done in Ulsara because of the Holy land it possesses
 - Religion + Education has washed many traditions away.

Circumcision - no set age (done in Ulsara)

- done generally at age 4-5 (done)
- Ceremony generally not done anymore

Muwat - pre marriage ceremony ~~about~~ → to establish the knowledge of what it is like to be Married (Do's / Don't)

- Dances
- eating + Drink

- Most Ceremonies done in Ulsara due to Bey a holy land.

- ~~ceremony~~ ceremony were elders would go from garden to garden and pick the ripest food to be eaten. And people would eat this food and be pleased with good health.

- Burial Traditionally, the privileged and well known, Their skulls were dug-up and displayed for Remembrance in Caves

Field Journal

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Journal (Taita) Day one

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Friday. Day one of the Taita homestay started with a 9 hour drive to Taita. We observed a great change in climate, from the more temperate cool regions of Nairobi to the warmer, drier lowlands. Along the bumpy roads ~~to~~ towards Taita we saw the 1st images of Kilimanjaro. A spectacular site, it looked almost like a cloud in the sky. The road ~~was~~ and land were clearly marked by the effects of El Niño. Trucks overturned, potholes and an unseasonable green marked the journey.

Arrival in Taita around 3:30 saw us drive into the Taita hills. At the school we were greeted by Daws and David and introduced to our host families. There I met the Mwangombe's of Abu Man, Charles and Barisa. Charles and Barisa then walked me up to our home in Wasera. I noticed the intense vegetation of the mountain region. We arrived in the steep hills of Wasera after a 30 minute walk. Charles and Barisa, both speak very good English and we started discussing cultural differences ~~at~~ from the beginning. They pointed ~~many~~ out many plants and crops along the way and seem to be very good teachers.

After a meal of Ugali and Greens we went to bed around 10:30

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Journal (Taita) Day Two

1/27/98 Wake-up around 7:00 am ~~followed~~ was followed by a breakfast of ~~mkate~~ mkate and Chai.
At 9:30 I helped Abe and Benisa separate the maize from its shell by pounding it with a grinding type stick. After about 20 minutes of work, ~~the~~ The maize was ready for drying and later ground into maize flour.
At 10:30 ~~we~~ Charles and I started ~~at~~ our ~~2~~ 2 and 1/2 hour walk for the Market. Upon ~~Arrive~~ Along the way, we saw and greeted many people. At the Market, Charles showed me the products being sold, from food stuffs to clothes and building materials. I noticed the social gathering associated with the Market as people from all over Taita come not only to shop, but to socialize. At 1:30 after shopping we stopped for lunch of Chipati and beans at a hotel. For about 40 shillings (less than 1\$) Charles and I ate. At 2:30 we took a Matatu back ~~to~~ home for about 60 Shillings. I noticed, due to no set prices, there is a great disparity in the range of prices for goods. At one hotel Chipati's were 25 Shillings and at another, they were only 10. Arrived home around 5:00 for a meal of Maize and Beans. ~~There~~
During the day there were many discussions on subjects ranging from school to government. I noticed the word Mzungu (white man) used quite often. It gave me the real feeling of what it is like to be a minority.