



Not a drop to spare

Dzina langa ndine is Becky..



... first time blogger, but more importantly this is my first time on an international mission. Upon arriving I was still asking God, "Why am I on this trip?" I had one good reason I knew of: a borehole well, which will be a gift from my church, North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake Florida.

We wanted to see where our wells would be, how would they help the village? Yesterday afternoon we saw the first site. We walked to where the well would be located (*see picture below*).



Now that the rainy season is over they should start the process, a three step process.

First comes the instrument to find/dig for the water, then a second set of people come who install the pipe, followed by the last people who install the handle and pour the concrete with a little hole that holds the water that pours out. Now, this is the way I explain how the well gets dug, it isn't this simple. But, if you could see the path full of hills, ruts and dips with trees in the way and in this case even a hut will have to be moved, one can understand why the rainy season must be finished. This year the rain started early January and February, stopped for the month of March started again for two weeks in April.

This particular well will about help about 175 families which is about 3000 people, I can't even imagine what it would be like to carry buckets of water on my head and still know I don't have enough water for the day. I can't help but think of the water we waste in our own homes.

We saw one borehole today, which has been finished except for the pumping mechanism and the people have been waiting for months for it to be finished. In May The Outreach Foundation will bring in drillers to complete six new wells and finish this one as well.

Now, I said I knew one reason why God called me to come on this trip with The Outreach Foundation; the second reason is schools, education and more schools. The need to educate children to prepare themselves for the world today and tomorrow is one of the most important ways we can help. It has been six years since money has been given to The Outreach Foundation for the building of a school. North Lake I hope you are reading the blogs.

Zikomo and Tsalani bwino.

Tomorrow the team will visit schools and a clinic, ending in Zobue on the border between Malawi and Mozambique.