

Malcs News

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The first two weeks (orientation) were fun and I will admit that I found it hard to kick the late night habit. We generally get to bed after 21:50. We have to be ready and dressed for morning devotions at 06:00 sharp! Late-comers get the joy of Toilet Duty!! I try to wake up between 05:00 and 05:30, depending on whether I had a shower in the evening or not.

Due to the internet being unstable, I brought my Afrihost MiFi (MTN) device to use to send emails when the base internet is off. My room mates are now able to use the internet on their laptops cheaper than what they could have paid with Vodacom. There is 3G signal on top of the cupboard. Everywhere else 2G signal is everywhere, and time is barely there.

There are 19 South Africans out of about 56 trainees. In total there are 16 nationalities represented. I have two room mates. Johan is from the Netherlands and Nathanael is from Switzerland. Our room is known as Petra 6. See middle picture at the bottom. Johan is tall.

Weather wise, the sun is out as it usually is, although the rain at the base has been plentiful. The only bad part about the rain is that there is no direct sunlight to dry our wet clothes. The day that the first direct sunlight appears, buy a wash token for R15 and wait patiently for the use of one of the two washers. There is a free alternative to using the washers, the wash basins. The bonus feature of the machine washers is that they include a spin cycle which dries 80% of most clothing.

One night we had about 90mm of rain and the floor in our room got flooded. Wet shoes, laptops, multi-plugs, bags, books, etc. were sun-dried outside.



The gutter was fixed so that it does not direct the water towards our door, and a plastic floor tile, instead of a spade, prevents water gushing in where there is a missing brick in the wall that is meant to keep water out. Whenever there is lots of rain, a river runs past our dorm and turns the grass into a marsh land! I uploaded a video of the river to my blog.



My life has been transformed due to the training. A close friend had this to say (on the prayer whatsapp group) after the sushi night with my friends and I on our first off-weekend: "For everyone praying for Malcolm, I must say that God is working in awesome ways in him... in all the years I have known Malcolm, I have never seen him as content and settled as I did tonight. Glory to God for the transformation that is happening in Males, and thank you all for the prayers so far... keep lifting him up. (sic)"

The orientation week helped me find my feet at the base. They did not take their time to show us how to do things, because the first morning started at 6:00 with an intro to morning devotions. When it rains, there is mud! So I was pretty sad that I had left my gum boots at home, as all the leaders had them.

The fun and games during the first few weeks put us trainees at ease with one another. I knew that I don't like crowds and meeting new friends, but I decided that I would try everything a few times before giving up. I did manage to get lost amongst the three orientation 'tour' groups. Some foreigners look very similar (joke).

Everyone got divided into 9 Bible study groups, 8 kitchen teams and 7 family groups. We could sign up for music auditions and for working the computer and sound: 4 bands were created and I'm in band number 1 as their sound guy. We could also sign up for the tuck shop, coffee shop, resource managers, etc.

My Bible study group has 7 members, is all guys and includes one of my room mates (Johan) and a good close friend I found during orientation (Heinrich). The kitchen team that I'm in is team number 8 and it is full of 7 amazing characters. Photo below!

The family group is like being in an adopted family. Our group has a mom & dad (Priscilla & Vincent) and a friendly bunch of 8 brothers & sisters!

In my next newsletter I'll fill you in on the outcomes of the Inside Out module, and how the upcoming Lesotho outreach went!



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