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Believe us, these past two weeks have been unbelievably intense and exhausting! Yet also just as great and successful! Beforehand, we had to decide which project to realize in these couple of weeks.

Since last year, we know that it would be necessary to build a fence (approx. 80 meters) around the school building. Via mail we consulted with Mike about building that fence this March/April as a organization project. In advance to our arrival, Mike inquired for the price of a fence and, of course, where to get the materials from. On the first day of our trip, we went to the school and talked to Mrs. Namakula and Mike how to approach the building of the fence. On a Saturday we then drove to a factory specialized in concrete building near Kampala as we wanted to buy the concrete pillars. Luckily we had Mike with us as he conducted the negotiations to buy the pillars for a fair price. As of this, we decided to come back Monday to pay and pick up our materials. The owner even offered to organize the transport of the pillars to Entebbe.

In a good mood, and hopeful to start the project soon, we returned two days later. Unfortunately, the owner forgot about his offer to organize the transport so we had to wait at least an hour for a very, very old truck to come by. After a short discussion we were able to agree on the transportation costs and finally, the bought 40 concrete pillars were ready to driven to Entebbe! Back at the school, we unloaded the truck and then went to pick up the rest of the needed materials, such as the fence itself, concrete and so on. We were lucky enough to get a good price on these items and so the owner of the shop delivered everything to the school that afternoon.

In the meantime, the two workers Mrs. Namakula hired to help build the fence, arrived at the school as well. Fortunately, they turned out to be the best workers we could have imagined as they worked really hard and were also familiar with all the regulations we had to keep in mind while building the fence.

The next day, we could finally start our project with digging the 40 holes for all the pillars and luckily, the rainy season in Uganda did not affect our work at all. Beforehand, we already ordered the metal entrance door for the fence and also had a set delivery date for that.

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So while the workers set the pillars in concrete, we finally had time to have conversations with Mrs. Namakula, Mike and Kaggwa Hamuza (the school's headteacher) about topics such as salaries for the teachers, a financial plan, a code of ethics, time management, teaching structure und many more.

In regard of the teacher salaries, Kisoboka e.V. decided to pay for those teachers with an official certificate, those being Mrs. Namakula, Kaggwa Hamuza, John Sserwanga and Mike Ogwal (see "Our project in Uganda – The teachers at Good Samaritan" on www.kisoboka.de).

On the early morning of Good Friday, we made our way to Kampala -with a Matatu of course- to buy handmade jewelry and crafts at the market. We could already sell the majority of it at the Spring-and Farmers market in Lebach-Doersdorf on April 19th!

Within a couple of days, all of the pillars were set in concrete and the school area was ready to be enclosed! Just a day before Easter, the site was fully fenced and we were just waiting for the entrance door and with a delay of two hours, the door was delivered -yet we still had to paint it.

Our hired workers assured us that the door would be installed by Easter Monday and they were right! It was an amazing feeling, seeing all the work had paid off and that the school area was finally secured! With the fence being up, we only had a couple of finishing touches to do.

Even if we were not able to spend as many hours as we would have wanted with the kids playing, we still had an unforgettable trip and it was amazing to see them all again. Especially the memory of seeing them again for the first time in months, giving them the loom bracelets that Vivian made for them, as well as all the other donations just brings the biggest smile back to our faces! Just like the day we spread the clothing donations!

Besides that, Kisoboka e.V. makes sure every child gets at least one warm meal a day!

These past two weeks increased our sense of responsibility towards the kids and showed us how big of a difference Kisoboka e.V. is able to make in such short time!