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LESS IS MORE

Working with the students had a big impact on me. They were so eager to learn, happy to be in school, and so friendly and helpful! Class sizes were enormous but there was no technology available. The experience showed me that children don't need lots of high-tech "stuff" to learn; they can learn very well without fancy equipment. I gained new techniques for conveying information when words don't particularly work. It's the little things that matter - playing and interacting are great ways to teach and connect. I have a changed perspective on what I want in my future classrooms...keep it simple.

DEBUNKING MYTHS

Africa is not the impoverished, always hot, wild and lacking "country" that we hear about on TV and perpetuate in our own conversations. The continent is varied and beautiful and the people who live there have hearts and ideas that are even more varied and beautiful. One of my favorite moments was visiting the homes of our program leader's family. They set up buffets of food and drinks and welcomed us into their houses. We spent hours socializing by the pool and listening to stories about Zambia. I really developed a new mindset on how to positively approach new situations, and how important it is to NOT allow stereotypes to become the reality I envision for others.



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