

**ZIMBABWE 11. - 20. NOVEMBER 2015**  
**(Day 1 – departure day)**



In Frankfurt there was a long waiting time. We were sitting a few hours at this cafe.



We were hungry after a while and we had a meal at this restaurant.



Here we are waiting for the food.



At midday, day 2, we have arrived at the last airport after a flight from Frankfurt at approximately 10 hours during the night + half an hour flight from Johannesburg.



Outside the terminal there was a group that was singing and dancing to make money.



I gave them some money, and then they would take a picture of me in the middle of the group.





We were picked up by this bus at the airport.



The suitcases were placed in the trailer.



On the way south we had a short stop in [Hwange](#). I guess this is one of the locomotives to the coal company.



The cows are grazing under the trees.



This sign stands at the entrance to [Hwange Colliery Company](#). They operate coal mines just outside Hwange.

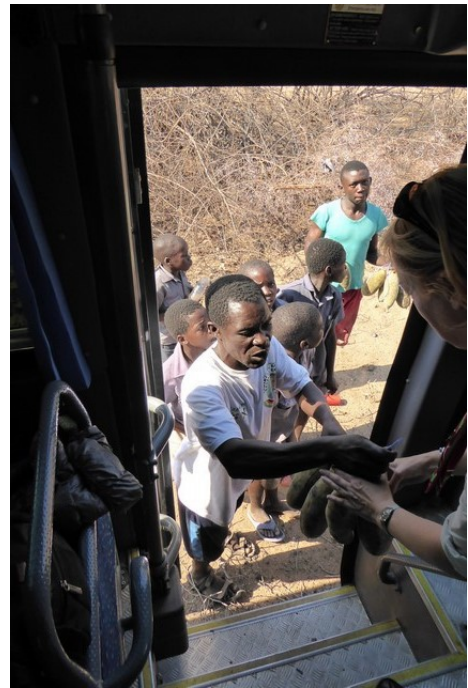


Here is our bus.





On the road again, we saw these [baobab](#) fruits. Our guide asked the bus driver to stop, because she would buy some fruits.



Once the door was opened the sellers were in place.



Our guide does the price agreements and pay.



Here we come to the Halfway House where we take a break while the staff loads suitcases across from the bus to a jeep. From here to Bomani Lodge, where we will stay the first few days, there are only sand roads, and it is not accessible for the bus.



Nice houses. They called the hotel Halfway House because it is halfway between [Bulawayo](#) and Victoria Falls.





There are many who open the suitcases for changing to more suitable clothing.



I'm just putting the safari hat on my head.



The staff loading suitcases into the jeep and onto the roof.



Here we are heading towards Bomani.



Our guide and the driver who works at Bomani.



Some of the scenery we were driving through.





There have been fires in parts of the area that we were driving through. We see many charred tree trunks and vegetation has not grown much yet.



It was dark before we arrived, and after we have been assigned cabins we gathered around the fire.



Then there is dinner under the starry sky.



Outside on the terrace the next morning, day 3.



There are metal birds on the corner.





View to the neighboring lodges.



Overlooking the plains in front of the lodge.



One of the paths leading to and from the lodge.



There is a water hole not far from the lodge. It is drilled a hole 60m into the ground, where there is water. A diesel driven pump pumps the water up.



Breakfast was served outside by the fire.



We sat and ate in a circle around the fire.



This morning you will visit a school and a settlement.



Some are already on the road.





There are a lot of [termite](#) colonies in the area.



We drove past a water hole. Here was a herd of [baboons](#).



The baboons went away when we arrived.



There were also small fishes in the water hole.



There were storks as well. They probably tried their fishing luck.



They also went away when we arrived.



There were small birds there, too.



A large bird. A type of eagle.





Here we came to the village we were visiting. The driver notified the chief that we had come.



One of the two stores in the village.



The village is called Ngamo.



This is the school.



Regular transport method when one has no other means of transport.



These have ox and cart.



Teacher housing.



One of the classes have lined up to greet us welcome.





They lined up willingly to be photographed.



They thought it was fun.



The teacher is also here and she explains how they work there.





Afterwards we go into the classroom where the kids will be performing for us.



Here they are singing.



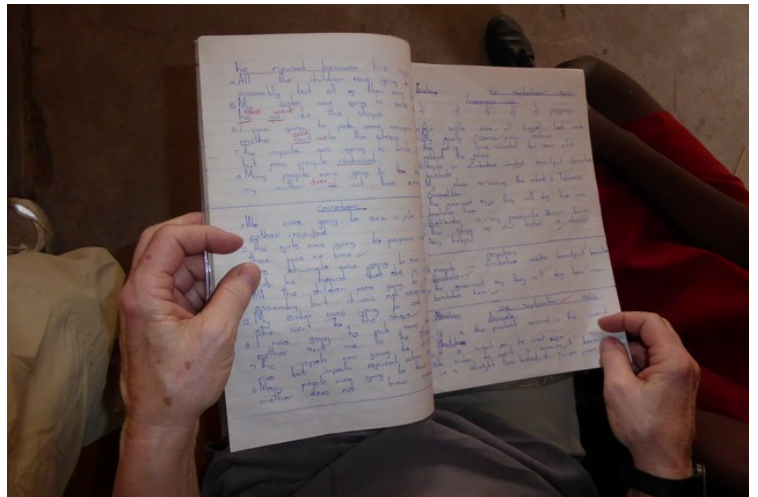
A couple are playing drums.



While others are dancing.



After that they want us to participate.



Then they are showing us their home work.



Then we are going out again.



The toilets in the background.





The teacher is telling more about the school.



The school kitchen.



Playing ground with more of the teacher housings.



The school manager and the teacher. We have brought with us various school supplies like notebooks and pens.



Then we are going to visit the chief.



Our guide greets the chief.



The goats are feeding on what they can find.



We were invited into the cabin.





We were served coffee and cakes.



I am ready.



The serving table.



Our guide greets the chief's wife. The chief to the right.



The chief's wife repairs our guide's hat.



The chicks are ready to eat cake crumbs.



The dog is lying outside on duty.



Inside the kitchen. Hearth at the bottom center.





Fumes may go up through the roof.



Lady of the house has good order.



Cooking utensils.



Boilers.



Order in the mugs.



Out again. The dogs are laying in the shade.



Hen with chickens.



Livestock chickens.





A lizard looking at me.



Then we are invited to have a look into the chief's living room.



He has solar panels that provide light and that can charge the mobile phone.



Inside the living room.



He has a mug with a photo of Barack Obama.



A poster in the living room.





Seating.



Bed in the bedroom.



The kitchen seen from outside.



Afterwards a market was held.



The hoped that we would buy something.



There were massive amounts of craftsmanship.



Many of us bought something.



Our group had clothes and shoes with us that were handed out.





The chef is directing.



This littler fellow is watching.



There is a long queue.



They ma take one thing at a time, but there is so much that most people can go many times.

