



Pictures of the new roof on our first dorm for girls!  
Steve Vinton, October 18, 2007

After the long, long trip across the country with Godfrey, I'm finally in Dar and ready to board the plane in just a few hours to head for America! I just downloaded emails and got these wonderful pictures from David back at Madisi of the new roof on our first dorm for girls! It seems we're building "everywhere" these days – new classrooms, libraries, houses for teachers – we have building projects going on full steam right now in twelve different locations in four regions of the country -- but this building, out of all of the buildings, is very

definitely "special." This building is our very first dorm building at any of our schools and marks an important step as we try to do something of significance to help the large and growing numbers of our students who are orphans. To invest in the lives of any of the kids in these villages is a great privilege. But we all believe that to invest in the life of those who have lost their parents is a privilege of infinitely greater value before God. So I share with you all my delight in seeing these pictures; may you feel as much joy as I do!



**Front View of the first Dorm for Girls at Madisi.**  
The door opens to a large communal living room. The windows you see are for six of the 12 rooms.



**Back View of our new Dorm for Girls at Madisi.**  
The wing in the middle is for the two dorm moms. The windows you see are for six more rooms.

I also want to share with you that we got word that Emmanueli hauled more roofing today to Kising'a, and as soon as he finishes up there, he's heading with Chapakazi (our big white truck we call the "Hard Worker") to haul metal roofing to our new schools at Malindindo, Mpepo and Ulolela in the Ruvuma region. We hit our very first rain storm as Godfrey and I headed into Dar and all we could think of was that we hope that the rains will hold off even a

few more weeks so that Emmanueli can get all of that roofing in to all of our different schools. Hyera sent us word that he got the first truck load of cement into Malindindo today but we have to get ALL the metal roofing and the cement into those three schools before the rains start or else we're sunk. I'll be back in Tanzania in three weeks, by then the rains will have started in earnest, and hopefully we'll have all of the metal roofing and cement at

each of the schools so that the building of these schools can continue without interruption. When the whole country is praying for rain so that the crops will grow, it's hard for us to pray that it won't rain, but still it sure would be nice if the rains would hold off until we get the trucks over all of those roads ...

Thanks for your partnership with us. We appreciate your prayers, we're thankful for all you invest financially in this work, and we're thankful that you are sad with us when we're sad and that you rejoice with us when we rejoice! And today we rejoice! Big time!!!