

The 'kennels' cardboard box storage system

From the diaries of my visits to the lsubilo.org project in Ndola, Zambia ...

Saturday 7 February 2004

The task of producing what have been dubbed the 'kennels' is now well under way.



'Boxing clever'

These modified packing cases have a middle partition added, from an end/side of another box, and then two holes cut out of one side (like kennel 'doorways') making them much stronger and easily accessible when stacked. What has amazed me in a God-sort of way is that: [i] prior to the storeroom's completion there had been a backlog of deliveries of these enormous boxes (there had been nowhere to put them), [ii] there is another consignment of quite a few more due any time soon (those there now urgently need unpacking and sorting), [iii] the boxes were just stacked as-is, making it nearly impossible to access their varied unsorted contents, and [iv] I turn up with the kennels idea and inclination to play Blue Peter with a Stanley knife and PVA adhesive!

Friday 20 February 2004

The latest boxes arrangement was fully implemented and, with David and Yoano's hard work moving so much stuff around, finally we've arrived at the beginning of a good store system.



The boxing team at work



The final arrangement: the 'bins' are large enough to store people (well, Karen anyway)!

And from our latest trip ...

Tuesday 4 April 2006

Some tasks have been lined up at Isubilo and there is a storeroom need on the farm for school clothes and shoes (for their SOBIA school project) just like there was at Isubilo a couple of years ago - so its back to making a storage system again from cardboard packing cases and PVA glue ...



You start with a packing case and cut off its ends (complete with 3" flaps all round); then with a second box cut out the side apertures; stick in a new middle panel (from the first box) and stick down all the lid flaps; turn over and stick all the base flaps - viola! (You get 4 middle panels from a box by using the sides also.) The tool boxes used here are pressing down on the glued flaps for about an hour while the PVA glue dries.

Monday 10 April 2006

Handover of the new storage facility to Josie and Derry of the farm ...



... note the half boxes on top - just right for shoes. The boxes are strong enough to stand on - though not recommended! ***Roger Wearn***

