

March 2005 – CD4 testing

Here are some of the photos I took this morning –



Left to right – Zena Saidi, Mwajuma Khamisi, Khamisi Mtumwa, Salma Mayunga, Amina Sleman – Dr Akhmed told me that Zena is on anti-TB meds and probably will not be able to get the ARVs – she's not well that's too bad. She has been on the anti-TBs for 2 months and Brigid from Pasada told me yesterday that there are options after they've been on them for two months – either to change to a different drug or just to get the ARVs and they work. She knows more details that I do.



Here are two mothers who came – there is Zena's mom then our nurse Bi Saide and Kahmisi's mother – both mothers talked to me in Swahili (I didn't understand much of it) but it was obvious they were so concerned about their children. Here are the nurses taking the blood – the one in the middle is Bi Sofia who basically runs the HIV/AIDS clinic and she is really fantastic – I like her a lot.



Here is another shot of the nurses at work and then we have Joseph with the entire crew – it was great to meet him!!!



And here I am with the crew – Bi Sofia told me that they are to come back next Tuesday for the results. I'm meeting with Dr Clements on Thursday at 10:00 with Bi Saide and Bi Asia – he is the other doctor at the clinic and I just want to get more information from him as to what is available here and how he will be working with Dr Akhmed and just what our members should be doing to be treated. Bi Saide is very anxious to be trained as to the side effects and many other things concerning ARVs as she is the one who is with our members every day.

This is all so wonderful and I am grateful to be a part of it – thank you so much.

Kathryn