

Summary JOB-SHADOWING – Emilie Laubie

From January 22 to February 2 – Cape Verde

Friday, January 26:

The appointment with the politician was cancelled. Project of the day:

- Debriefing of the project.
- Visit of the museum in Santa Catarina (this museum talks about slavery until today)
- The evening, we saw a Portuguese movie on the Assomada square.

Saturday, January 27:

- Visit of a friend who showed us the schedule of the week.

Sunday, January 28:

- We went to see Crisalida family's near Assomada. In the countryside we realize that it was poor and that the women had a lot of work to do. The women carried about 35 kilograms of sugarcane on their heads, several times a day.

Monday, January 29:

- We had nothing to do so we visited Tarrafal.

Tuesday, January 30:

- We spent the day at Jeremias's school where we spoke to two classes of one hundred students. The topics were feminism, gender, male chauvinism and contraception.
 - We felt frustrated because Jeremias and Crisalida spoke a lot but the exchange was very rewarding.
 - The problems that came out: early pregnancies (14 years old), cultural issues, difficulties to take or to go get a contraception, homophobia, male chauvinism, violence, etc.
 - Positive points: the young girls want things to change, they are open for discussions, and they express the social and cultural pressure.
- After we left, Jeremy told us they kept talking all day long about those subjects.

Wednesday, January 31:

- Meeting with the association "We Believe", breast cancer prevention and about violence, explanation of their breast cancer prevention campaign in March. A lot of personality join this movement "0 tolerance in violence", work on communication in schools with games and videos.
- Highlight "day to evolve mentalities so that girls can do boys' jobs."

Which date? – You wrote Wednesday, January 29:

- Early in the afternoon we had a meeting with the association OMCV (organization of women in Cape Verde). Created three years after the independence, at first this fight was against illiteracy (95% of women). It has been 27 years that this organization exists. They showed us the action fields of this NGO: campaign to put in place abortion, creation of a



retirement home and a children house on Fogou Island. Train and guide women to a financial independence. A lot of other projects to come up but not a lot of financing. They created a network with multiple cities (I don't have the name of the cities but I think I heard that the women were Minister or deputy, it will boost the projects). They also work on a HIV program (information, education, distribution), on violence (develop mediations), on a law for civil wedding, support sex workers, with women union (for GLBT and lesbians). They would be interested to join and grow. (Jeannie will stay in contact with them).

Then we went see the association LACO BRANCO. This association is composed of men and the president is Clovis a deputy. It was created in 2009, on the initiative of White Link in Canada and the UN to fight against violence. UN announced that they were too many violence in Cape Verde and formed men in Cape Verde through a network in USA and Canada. The point is to engage men in the fight against violence (several hospitals, Minister, deputy, police, many important men put money into the association.)

Feelings: I didn't understand their actions on the field, they do theatre, interventions but I don't have any proof of their actions.

Which date? – You put Thursday, January 30:

We spent a part of the afternoon with a friend of Crisalida, Francisco Peria. He is a Minister in Cape Verde, teacher in Portugal and he did a thesis in French. He made us visit his big and beautiful house and then we went to the Ponta Rincao Santa Catarina village. It's a very poor village, I wanted to go on a walk by the beach and see fisherman but they didn't want to so we drank and saw a family they knew.

Feelings: I didn't understand the process of the day, made me see the wealth and the poverty on the same day without answering my questions or hedged the answers. Exhausting days because I was there since a week and no answers to my questions (for examples: how contraception and abortion work in this country, what are the State projects to fight against early pregnancies, no details on associations projects, no numbers on the underlying issues, the reality of the political operation, etc.)

Friday, February 2:

Before I left for France:

We meet with the association ICIEG, (Cape Verdean association for equity and equality of gender).

As soon as we arrive, early pregnancies and precariousness problems were raised.

Feelings: Like in every meeting it's hard to introduce itself without being interrupted, I am very frustrated that I wasn't able to speak more of our actions and what were the reasons of my presence.

And to speak about the association, it forms groups of volunteer available for urgent actions, forms teachers too (the teaching materials are really important for them to develop prevention). They are in projects to create a television channel which will aim to speak and put forward the problems of the country.

The afternoon the girls had a meeting (maybe) with green of women to talk about abortion and contraception.

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