

Roll 6 – Sent June 2004

1. The morning of a wedding. The men sit on the prayer mats to the right, behind the child standing in the gold skirt is the bride masked in the long white sheet with the black band...more on that later. The women either sit to the left or cook.
2. The "first House" of the bride is the fenced area covered in straw...the big cooking pots out front with the typical 3 stick fire.
3. The bride to the left in the afternoon once she is unveiled—(I think she is prettier without the make-up...) and her friend.
4. The bride (remember this is probably the first time to this village)
5. The bush taxi that transports the bride to my village, then takes her to her compound once she is made up with family inside and kids chasing after.
6. My "teacher" Wuye and me behind my hut...he has been the most help in language & culture (he is actually Bambara and speaks no English)
7. The frame of both the roof and the hut.
8. Mortaring the sticks of the roof together with rope from the bark of a tree (the big trees to the back left of this photo – Baobob)
9. Saihew Leesay (?) and Sori Bah working on roof
10. Soaking the bark strips in water before using as a rope
11. The mud bricked house waiting to be finished
12. My compound—cow and grandma carrying my little sis on her back
13. A machine came to pound some of the grain for a small fee...my father's millet is seen here
14. "Yaay Fatou" out my front door
15. Dry season...will take this same shot again at different times during the year (at least that's my plan)
16. (I was late on the shutter...) Horse cart pulling sacks of grain or peanuts
17. My neighboring compound, Kumba Jallow (maybe 60+ years old) pounding grain out front
18. Kaddy Gertu sitting on banta bar with typical Muslim child hair cut
19. "Maam Fatou" (my grandma) and Kaddy shelling peanuts...pounding bowl & pestle
20. Alieu Goye and Kaddy in feeding trough of sheep
21. The daily "clutter" of my compound
22. Attempted self portrait of myself and Jainaba, but my arm is short
23. At the girls HIV/Aids & football camp ... meeting the coaches

Roll 7

1. While at the hotel for the camp there was some wedding going on and the entire time people were trying to determine the groom
2. Our girls were swimming but as the ceremony progressed they lined up on the side of the pool to watch (not rude in this culture)
3. The 4 "teams" lined up to start playing
4. We took the girls to the ocean as many had never seen it before, many would not come within 10 feet of this cliff
5. Yaama Nyang, running from the waves...too timid to get in the water
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7. Back at the hotel learning...see the Albino to the front right of the PCV sitting in back--completely accepted into the group
8. On the way to the next fieldtrip...my girls in blue and a neighboring village (older girls) in "real clothes" – Yaama, Sira, Amie, Isatou, Ramatu, Jaineba
9. "The Fish Market": after the boats bring the fish in for the day they dry it here (sanitary, eh?) before driving it upcountry to sell in the villages
10. The boats, birds, and people buying or selling fish

11. Kelly Packer (my "sitemate" i.e., nearest PCV about 40 minute bike ride away, from Limon, CO) and our girls at the market
12. Sira, Yaama, Isatou...the other two were too afraid to come out on the dock as you could see the water splashing under us as we walked
13. Returning to "safety" Ramatu, Sira, Amie, Amie (me), Isatou
14. Tried to get some action shots (I think 5 & 8 are mine)
15. #22 is Sarjo
16. Going on a crocodile hunt while on yet another field trip
17. A "pool" of maybe 25+ crocks
18. Cooling himself down he just sat with his mouth open
19. What instincts tell you NOT to do
20. They say you can touch them and they don't care
21. Kelly and I were the only two PCV's willing to stand near
22. Sarjo & Yaama
23. When else can I shake hands with a crocodile?
24. Handing out the certificates at the end of the week: me, Isatou (KOS), Sarjo (KA), Sira (KA), Yaama (KAK, Dadou (KA)
25. Anseh (Laura) and Lamin (Jeff), the 2 PCV's who organized it all

Roll 8

1. Our small group participants...Kelly Packer, Sarah Grimm and myself and all our girls
2. Sira Jallow (Gr 6), Isatou Cham (gr 5), Sarjo Jawo (gr 4), Dadou Njie (Gr 6), and Yaama Nyang (Gr 6)
3. Isatou
4. Yaama
5. Sarjo
6. Dadou
7. Sira
8. Jainebe, Ramatu (both Gr 8), Sarjo, and other girl
9. the blue team with a Gamian women's soccer team member
10. Sarjo in the final game
11. Sira to the right
12. Neday Nyang cutting down some leaves with a knife tied to a long stick - I tried for a candid shot
13. Jainebe - terrible pic! She really is absolutely adorable!
14. As is her older sister Isatou munching on a mango
15. Do her eyes talk to you like they do me? I LOVE this pic and will almost definitely blow it up to hang on my wall when I get home...
16. The finished hut they were constructing before the camp pics. You can see the pump w/people...I'm at my compound
17. Request for children & animals in compound pic
18. Candid shot of women at pump
19. Prep for another wedding...every woman comes and pounds a tin full of coos 2 days before bride comes
20. Cattle well...rope and pulley powered by donkey or horse...when hand pump breaks, women fetch water by pulley and hands here
21. No such thing as a candid shot
22. Once pounded, they sift out the big chunks to pound again before completed
23. Amie Gay in blue...the trees are similar to fig trees
24. Another random shot of my garden to finish off my roll...how my banana (back left) is above the fence and I've harvested tomato, eggplant, sweet pepper, hot pepper, zucchini and lettuce...onions and garlic are almost ready...just a side note