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After the Christmas Holidays I came back to Tateni's Office, where there was again nothing to do for me. Really nothing! Not even the children were attending the After-Care at the Drop-In Centres, because school had just begun and nobody really felt like willing to go to school. In that development I firstly began to ask myself, what role we actually play in that program of weltwärts. Why do they send us in a foreign country to an organisation we are actually useless in. What role do they think we have?

But those thoughts have been put away soon, when I was thinking back to my future plans in that NGO. The plans I have set myself in the end of last year. Building up a football and swimming team. Collect funds to organise a facilitator camp and -programme.

So I went on working – in the office – in the Drop-In Centres in walking distance. Yes, just at the ones in walking distance. Why? Because after I drove by accident a small scratch into Tateni's Bukkie in the beginning of december, it first seemed that I had to pay for the damage eventhough our boss said the car is insured during working hours and when it's driven for working purpose. When I than asked for being showed the proof insurance they denied – actually I believe something like that doesn't even exist but it is just a feeling. So in the end I am now not driving anymore and transport to Mamelodi-East got difficult.

Being affected by things like that I wasn't able to achieve several goals until now – the football and swimming team – pity.

While searching for work to do at the office I ran into Erik, one of our Boardmembers, who wanted to have Tateni's website updated and renewed. That actually really gave me a push and I read myself into it. What seemed easy in th beginning turned out to be very difficult, because Tateni's Website was built on Joomla, a high professional website maker. So I had to read myself into source code writing such as html and css. But Joomla didn't intend to be simple as it seemed so they developed an editor which doesn't exactly take html. So I'm still struggling to edit it and really thinking just to build up a new website for Tateni. Also interesting would be managing our social media but for being able to do so I still have to check up with a very few people. But I believe I can get that running.

At the end of february the biggest challenge appeared – we were thrown out of our host family. Out of the family who we have thought would accommodate us until the end. Just thrown out by Nancy our hostmother whom which I believed wasn't able to be that evil to put us out on the street. Luckily our boss took us back in her cottage in the backyard for a shortterm basis.

Eventhough not everything went good I still couldn't stop dreaming. - Achieving a change – get a football and swimming team running as well as the facilitatorprogramme. Also a new website and Tateni alive in social media. And in the end – possibly finding a longterm accomodation, also for following volunteers, even if that means we would have to build a house on our own in Tateni's yard (which would be actually quite fun).