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PROJECTS DETAILS

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Each post is a short story about the people, how we came across each other, the seed of the projects... as we grow with the projects, more and more details will be added.

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FEATURE OF THE MONTH

[Be grateful for what you have...](#)

..but keep dreaming/working for better.

Last month, I talked about showing/expressing gratitude for what we have and not longing for what we don't... ([Be grateful for what you have...](#) not longing for what you don't)

This is the common saying and this is in response to what some people express at time: "oh, this is it? Anything else? I don't like this"... The point is to receive what comes our way with thanks. If you get a Samsung smartphone, be grateful that you got a smartphone, do not complain that you wanted an iPhone... *(note: no commercial message here... only based on something I have heard more than once... I don't have either!)*

But don't get me wrong. Being grateful does not mean that...

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[What do we want to achieve? Teaching to fish or....](#)

Our vision is to help people help themselves in improving their conditions.

"Improving condition" is a very wide topic. The obvious is to have access to education, to water, to light, to safe living environment, etc... But there is more to it...

Every little things that makes your life better is an improvement. And it will depends on every individual. We do not all want the same things, and we will not all feel an improvement with the same actions/items. And for me, those little things can be/should be the first step to improving access to education, to water, etc...

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[Why do we need to be on the ground? Part 5 - Demonstration](#)

In our modern days, everyone can learn on the internet - there are hups of how-to step-by-step instructables or demonstration videos...

However, this is not always accessible to all.

As we have seen, access to internet is not necessarily easy (because of network) or affordable (because of the device cost and/or data cost).

But this is not only about access or cost. Learning online is also a mindset and does require some "internet education". It is not easy for everyone to just go online, "google" something and then do it... I do know people in Europe who can't do it. And we sometimes do step-by-step telephone teaching but this is not the most efficient or easy, and not applicable for everything...

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[FIRST RULES OF...](#)

Say 'Hello' in 40 different languages

[First Rules of adaption/integration through language](#)

I move a lot around Southern/Eastern Africa. I come across a lot of different cultures. And with the culture also come different languages... While English is an official language in all the countries I am staying in, this is still not the home language of the majority of people.

Adapting to the local conditions often goes through learning basic words.

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FEEDBACK

Please do not hesitate to contact us @ info@beethesolution.org.

Feel free to send us feedback. We are open to suggestions and comments. As we are still young and learning, we value your opinion even more than usual and are very grateful for it.

Let us know about what you want to see in the Newsletter, which projects you are interested in, any ideas you have for a project.

Have a safe month ahead

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Be grateful for a good day...