

MAY 2ND - BASE CAMP

POOR LISA DIDNT SLEEP VERY WELL, ONE OF THE EFFECTS OF BEING UP AT THIS ALTITUDE 5,400M, ITS QUITE DISCONCERTING HEARING THE CONSTANT AVALANCHES NOT TO MENTION THE CREAKING OF ICE UNDER OUR TENTS, ALL NOT CONJUICTIVE TO A GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP!!

ANDREW SWUNG BY AND MET THE GIRLS ON HIS WAY TO KALA PATTAR, ERNESTO AND PATO HAD LEFT A COUPLE OF HOURS EARLIER FOR AN ACCLIMATISATION TRIP. WE TOOK IT EASY AFTER LUNCH AND THEN THE GIRLS WENT ON A BASECAMP TOUR.. WE WENT TO DAVIDS CAMP AND I INTRODUCED THE GIRLS TO VEIKER AND THEN WE WENT AND HAD TEA AND BISCUITS AT THE DISCOVERY CAMP, ALL VERY CIVILISED (SHAUNA AND BEN ARE STILL DOWN VALLEY) WE WERE THERE SO LONG IT WAS COLD BY THE TIME WE EMERGED AND WE HEADED BACK TO OUR CAMP STOPPING BRIEFLY AT THE GREEKS CAMP FOR ANOTHER CUP OF TEA AND SOME HOMEMADE SHORTBREAD MADE BY ONE OF THE CLIMBERS MOTHERS. WE MET THEIR BASECAMP MANAGER SPIROS WHO IS GREEK BUT GREW UP IN AUSTRALIA, I JUST COULDNT PLACE THE ACCENT!! THEY ARE A GREAT GROUP AND I HOPE THEY GET TO THE TOP! WE THEN RAN BACK TO OUR CAMP, AS IT WAS BY NOW FREEZING. A FULL MOON WAS EXPECTED ON EVEREST TONIGHT AND MISAIL AND KIKO HAD GONE TO KALA PATTAR TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE MOON.. THEY RETURNED TO CAMP AT 11.00PM HAVING GOT SOME GREAT FOOTAGE.

WE HAD A DELICIOUS DINNER AND THEN OFF TO BED - LISA CANT GET OVER HOW EARLY WE GO TO BED HERE!!