

APRIL 18TH - BASECAMP

WE HAD BREAKFAST AT 8.00AM AND THEN WE ALL HEADED INTO THE ICEFALL SO THAT PHILLIPE COULD DO SOME FILMING OF ALL OF US.. WE DIDNT REALLY GET TO THE POINT IN THE ICEFALL WHERE I START GETTING PANICKY SO I WAS QUITE HAPPY IN THERE THIS MORNING.. FOR A CHANGE!!

FROM THE FEW PEOPLE I SPOKE TO COMING DOWN, THE 5 LADDER CROSSING COLLAPSED IN THE NIGHT ( GIVES U AN IDEA OF HOW UNSTABLE THE ICEFALL IS) AND WE NOW HAVE TO RAPPELL DOWN INTO THE CREVASSE AND CLIMB OUT THE OTHER SIDE. PEOPLE WERE HELD UP FOR 3 HOURS THIS MORNING WHILST THE ICEFALL DOCTORS WENT IN TO FIX THE ROUTE YET AGAIN. IT REALLY IS A FULL TIME JOB FOR THE ICEFALL DOCTORS, ESPECIALLY AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP AND THE CREVASSES ACCUMULATE.

WE ARRIVED BACK AT BASECAMP AT 2.00PM AND I WAS SO HUNGRY ITS INCREDIBLE.

WILLY VENEGAS FROM MOUNTAIN MADNESS JOINED US FOR LUNCH AND WAS ASKING ME HOW I DEAL WITH ALL THESE GUYS 24/7. MY RESPONSE IS THAT NOT SPEAKING VERY GOOD SPANISH I HAVE ABSALUTELY NO CLUE WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT SO NOTHING UPSETS ME! PLUS, I AM THE FOREIGN AFFAIRES PERSON OF THE GROUP, SO IF THEY WANT TO MEET ANY OTHER GIRLS THEY HAVE TO BE NICE TO ME!!

ITS GOING TO BE A LAZY AFTERNOON, ILL PROBABLY WATCH A MOVIE OR READ MY BOOK. THE WEATHER IS ACTUALLY STILL HOT,THE TEMPERATURE IN THIS COMMUNICATIONS TENT IS 25 DEGREES CENTIGRADE ( OUTSIDE ITS 11 DEGREES CENTIGRADE). YESTEREDAY WE HAD ABOUT A FOOT OF SNOW SO THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIX ANY MORE LINES TO CAMP 3. ED VIEUSTERS HAS PLACED A THIRD OF THE ROPES TO CAMP 3 SO NO ONE HAS BEEN THERE YET HIS SEASON.

THATS THE LATEST FROM EBC, OVER AND OUT FROM ME ON THIS QUIET REST DAY!!!!