

APRIL 10TH BASECAMP

A NICE LIE IN DAY DESPITE A VERY WINDY NIGHT LAST NIGHT AND BREAKFAST WAS AT THE SOCIABLE HOUR OF 9.00AM. IT WAS STILL VERY WINDY WHEN I MADE MY WAY OVER TO OUR MESS TENT BUT IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY. AFTER BREAKFAST I WENT THROUGH ALL MY EQUIPMENT WITH MISAIL AND THEN WENT OFF TO TELEPHONE MY PARENTS WHOM I MISS TERRIBLY.

I WENT OVER AND SAIDHI TO ELAINE WHO IS DOING SOME WORK FOR DAVID B AND ALL THEIR TEAM WERE AT CAMP 1 AND COMING BACK TO BASECAMP AS WE HEAD UP TO CAMP 1 ON OUR ACCLIMATIZATION PROGRAM.

AFTER LUNCH THE BOYS FROM DISCOVERY CHANNEL, DAVE, BEN AND ANDREW CAME TO OUR CAMP ADN WE ALL DRANK COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF COCOA TEA (A SOUTH AMERICAN REMEDY TO HELP ONE WITH ALTITUDE!) BY THE AMOUNT WE ALL DRANK WE SHOULD FEEL LIKE WE WERE AT SEA LEVEL!!

ANDREW IS GOING TO FILM US GOING TO CAMP 1 TOMORROW AND WE ARE MEETING HIM IN THE ICEFALL AT 7.00AM.. ANDREWS SURNAME IS LOCK AND HE WILL BE THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN TO CLIMB ALL 14 OF THE WORLDS 8,000 M PEAKS WITHOUT OXYGEN IF HE CLIMBS THE REMAINING 4 WHICH HE PLANS TO DO. HE WAS TELLING US ABOUT HIS ASCENT OF K2 IN 1993 WITHOUT O'S AND OF THE 6 GUYS THAT MADE THE SUMMIT ON THE SAME DAY AS HIM, ONLY 3 SURVIVED, THE OTHER 3 ALL DIED ON THE DECENT. MOUNTAINEERING IS UNBELIEVABLY DANGEROUS AND REALLY FOR THE EXTREMELY TOUGH, IM NOT SURE IF THAT IS ME YET. HE IS A GREAT GUY AND WE ALL LIKE HAVING HIM CLIMB WITH US.

I SPOKE TO NIEL FROM THE IRISH TEAM THIS AFTERNOON AS WELL, HE IS THEIR COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER AND IS BACK TO IRELAND TOMORROW NOW THAT THE TEAM IS COMPLETELY SET UP. HE GOT TO 20,000 FT YESTERDAY WHICH IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE. THE IRISH TEAM WILL BE AT CAMP 1 WITH US TOMORROW.

IM NOW IN MY TENT HAVING PLANNED MY OUTFIT FOR TOMORROW, GOT TO TRY AND BE COLOUR CO ORDINATE EVEN AT THIS ALTITUDE!!!

GETTING READY FOR BED NOW, GOING TO FINISH MY MOVIE AND TRY AND GET A GOODNIGHTS SLEEP, IM A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT THE NEXT FEW DAYS SO WANT TO BE RESTED!! GOODNIGHT FROM BASE CAMP AND HOPEFULLY ILL BE BACK ON 15TH APRIL...