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It is rainy season right now in Mbita, so the heat hasn't been quite as extreme which means I have been able to wear my hair down. Sounds silly I know, but it has been so incredibly hot for this Montana girl, my hair is usually up in a knot on the top of my head. The site of "Teacha" Megan's hair has been quite the conversation piece both among my students and fellow teachers. One teacher didn't even recognize me.

My kids were so confused and a bit marveled at how fast I could change my hair...and they all wanted to touch it and others asked me to sell it to them. One little girl actually tried to take a bite of it because she thought it smelled like chocolate! Nicholas, a very animated and creative boy in my class said, "Tell me teacha, what is this stuff in your hair which is smelling... it is smelling so nice!" Thursday after school a group of students came back to my desk to ask me questions and a few girls started playing with my hair, and before I knew it there were six sets of hands in my hair plating (braiding). I was quite the sight when I walked home that day.



My students told me I was a real African now, and gave me an African name, Megan Atieno (which means I was born at night). It is moments like these that are filled with laughter. The hard shell of the kids melts away and I love them even more!

Thanks for your continued love and support.

Love, Megan