



**KENYAN STUDENT
PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**

Ndabibi Secondary

Summer 2013



INTRODUCTION

In 2012, the Industrial Design Department of The University of the Arts in Philadelphia began a collaboration with an extraordinary Kenyan farmer/educator named Josphat Macharia. Josphat farms in a rural village called Ndabibi, which is approximately four hours northwest of Nairobi. Collaborating across such a great distance (both geographically and culturally) meant modifying many of our traditional design methods. A video camera was shipped to Josphat to record daily life. Skype and cell phones were used for interviews. Summer travel to Kenya allowed us to carry prototypes and conduct further detailed research.

Josphat had requested help with projects on his farm. He uses his farm to explore sustainable farming methods and then teaches those methods to other farmers in the community. Our curiosity got the better of us and we wanted to understand the local culture in order to have a wider and more inclusive perspective. But how much can you actually get to know another culture with just two weeks on the ground? We knew we had to begin by listening closely and respectfully before we could begin to put pencil to paper.

.LISTENING

Listening takes many forms. We visited the village chief and visited the local churches to begin conversations. Over the course of our visit we interviewed more than 50 villagers who allowed us to ask direct questions as we attempted to understand local values. We carried 40 disposable cameras with us in hopes of finding villagers to take personal photos and show us a part of Kenya otherwise unavailable to us. It was through the school system that we connected with eager students who were very willing to support our exercise and take on the task of using these cameras. We were blessed to have Ndabithi Primary, Ndabibi Primary, Emmanuel, Central Primary and Central Secondary willing to participate.



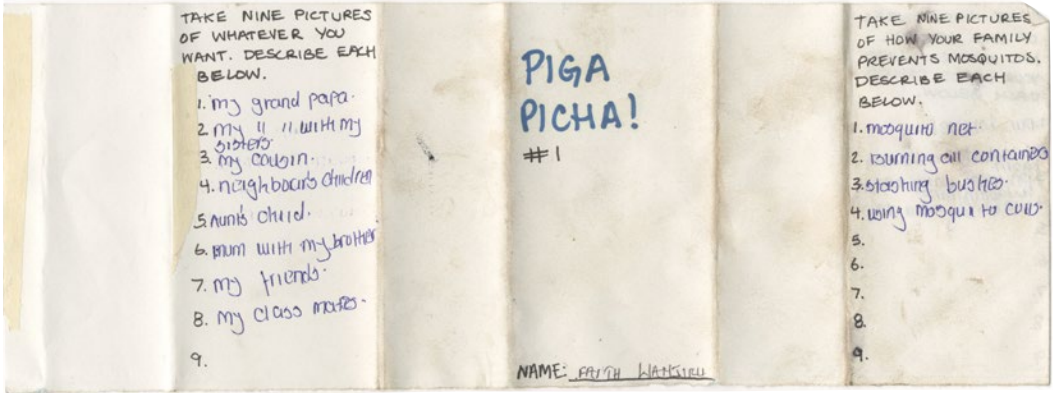


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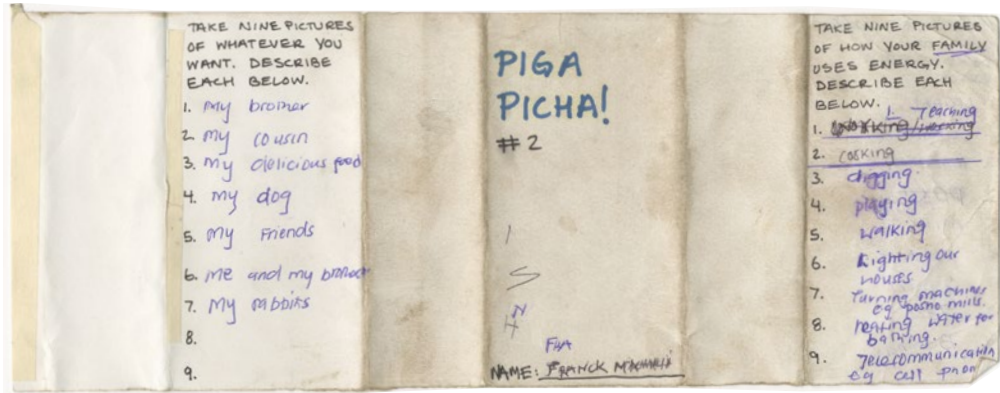
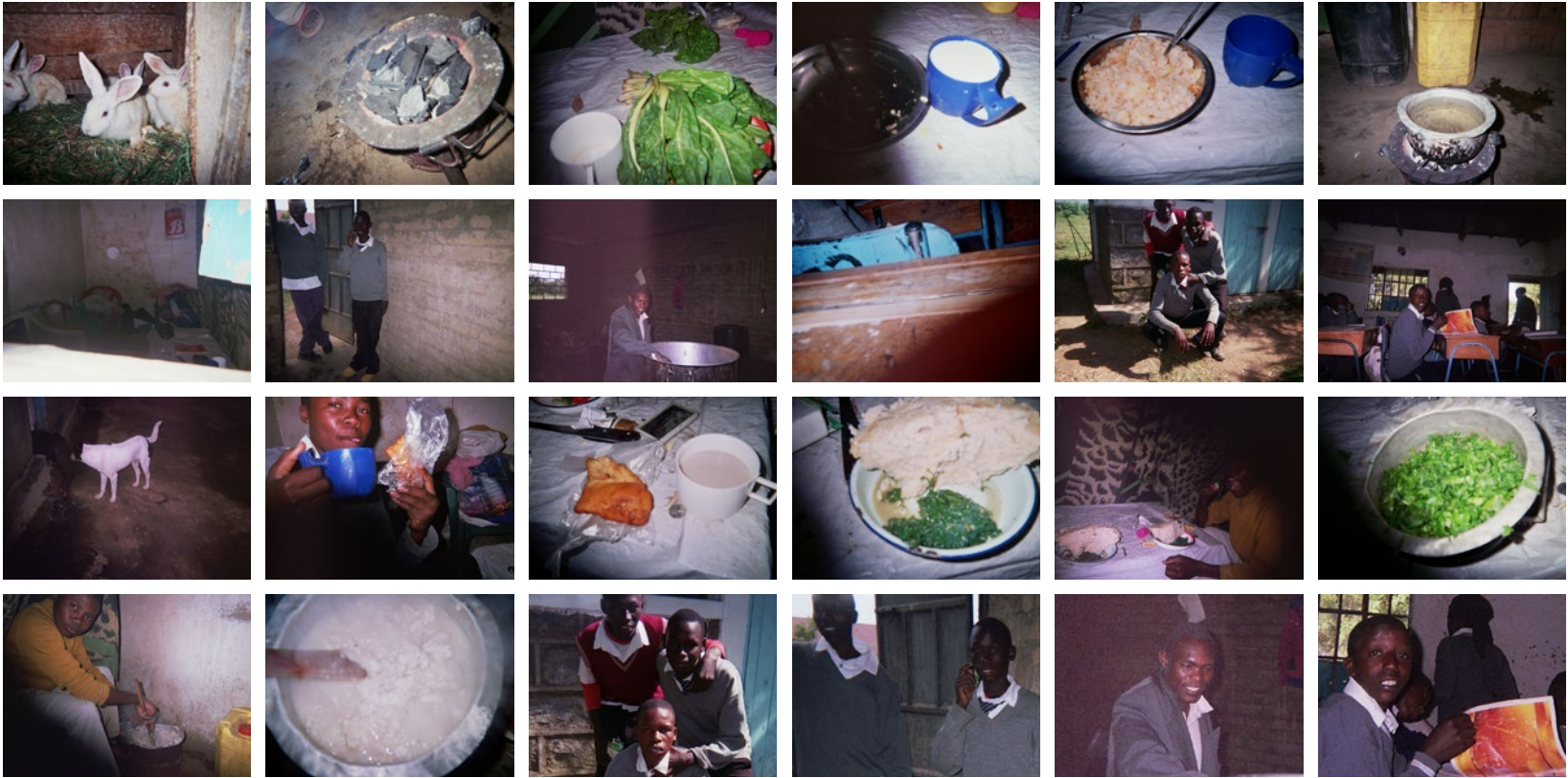
It is with deep gratitude to these schools, students, teachers and principals that we create this booklet. We handed out 40 disposable cameras in five different schools. Each booklet is focused on the student photographs from one school. These photos have meant a great deal to us. They offer another way to listen to this beautiful culture. Through these photos we witness life in rural Kenya in a way that is not open to strangers. We see intimate moments of tenderness, friends showing off for the camera, and many scenes from daily life. These photos offer an intimate glimpse into village life that just would not have been available to us.

Our journey in Kenya is just beginning. We have the patience to listen and learn and hope to eventually contribute to a culture that has impacted us deeply. Asante sana.

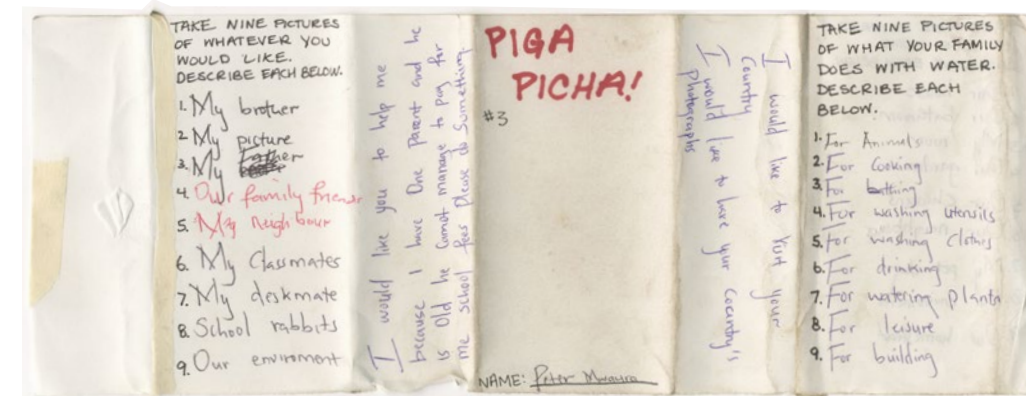
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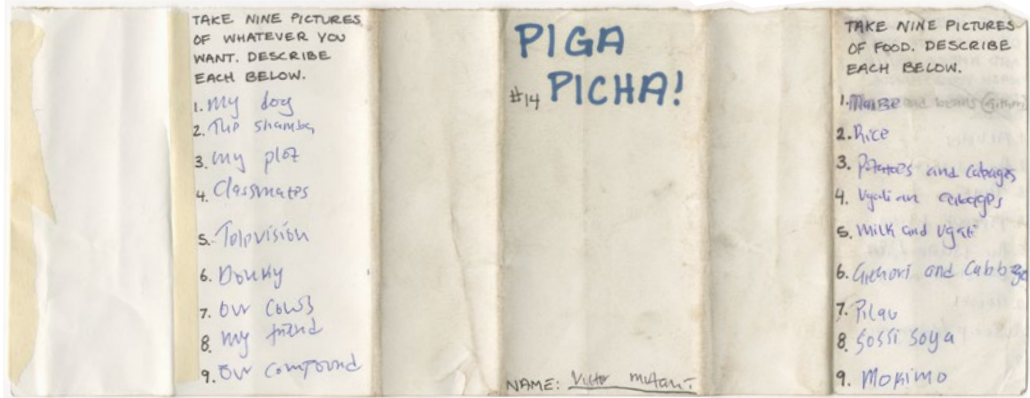
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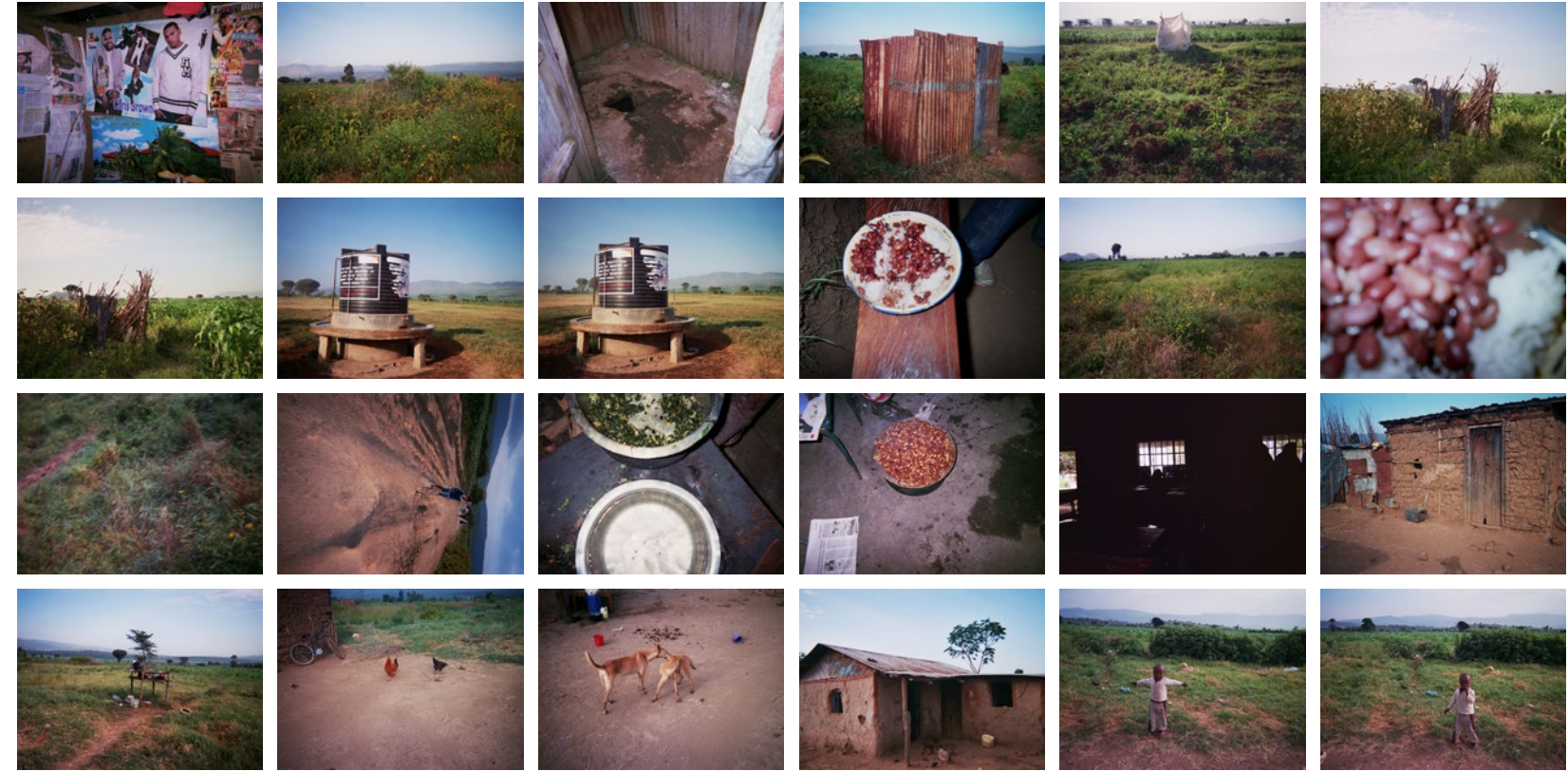
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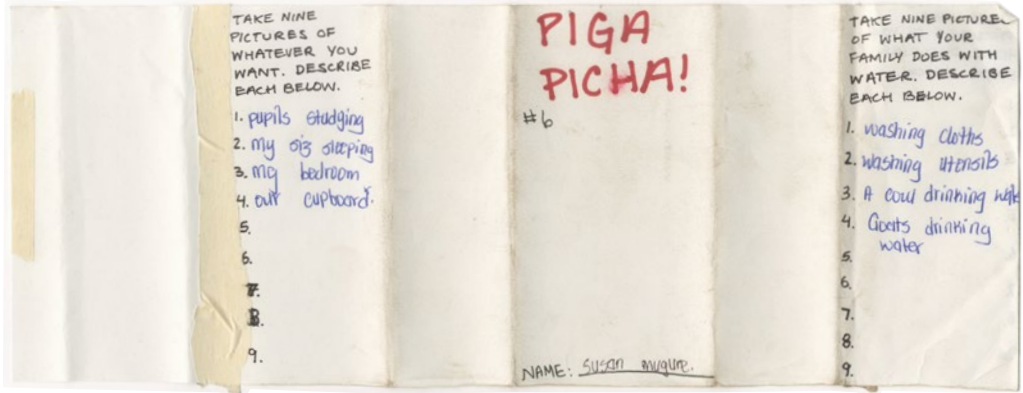
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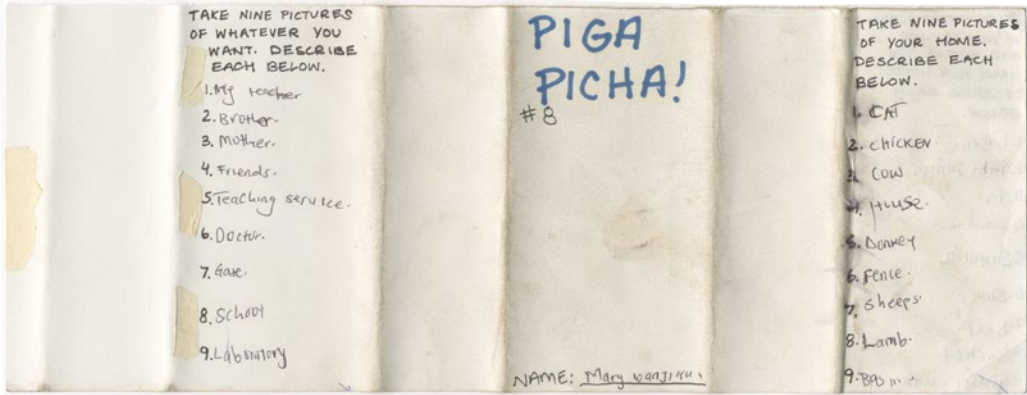
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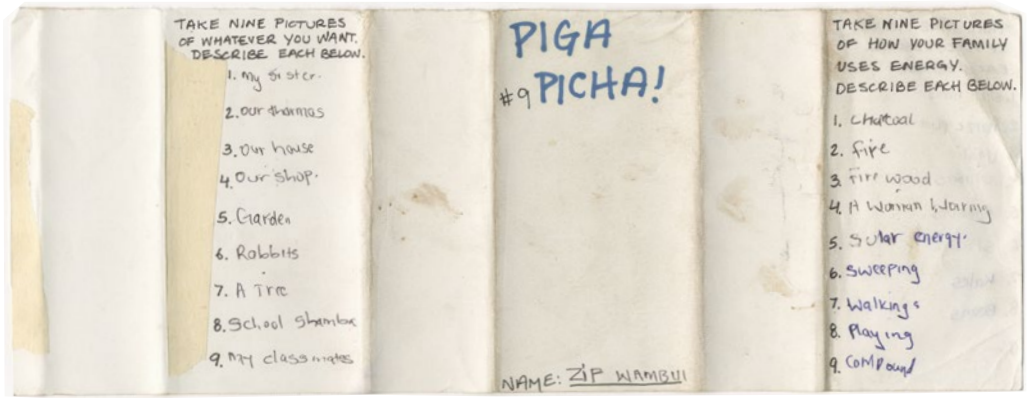
SUSAN MUGURE



ELIZABETH NGURE



MARY WANJIKU



ZIF WAMBUI



TAKE NINE PICTURES
OF WHATEVER YOU
WANT. DESCRIBE
EACH BELOW.

1. Our school
2. Our class
3. Our home
4. Flowers
5. Our cow
6. Hill
7. Trees
8. My brother
9. My favourite pet

PIGA
PICHA
#11

NAME: KINTAMAL SIMON

TAKE NINE PICTURES
OF HOW YOUR FAMILY
USES ENERGY. DESCRIBE
EACH BELOW.

1. Pupils going home from school
2. People building houses
3. Aunt washing utensils at our home
4. My mom fetching firewood
5. Digging
6. Ploughing
7. Working in the farm
8. Herding
9. Fetching water

SIMON KINTAMAL



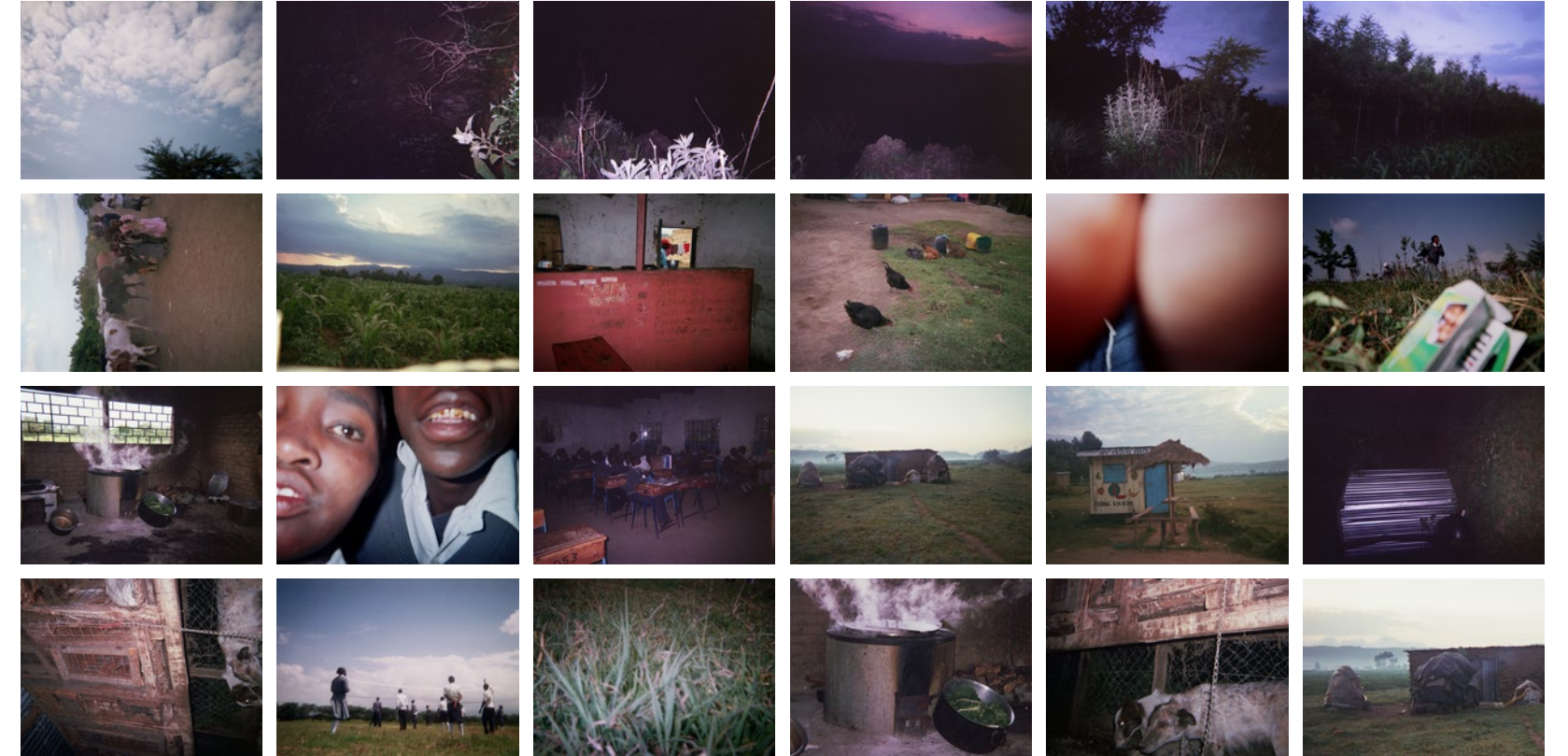
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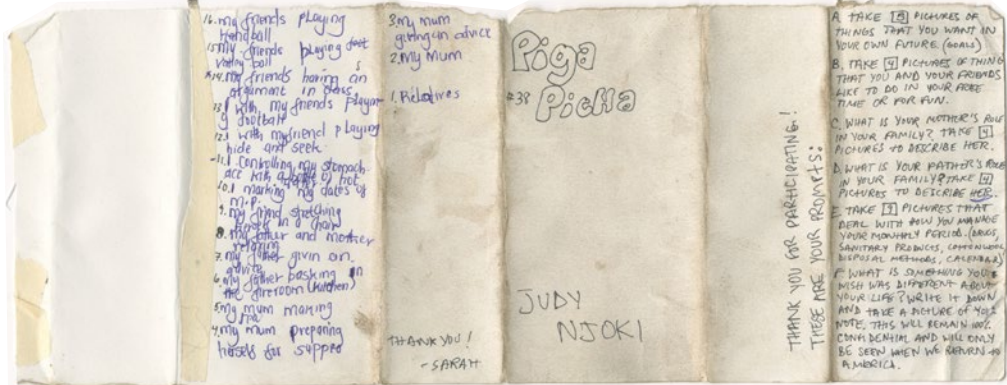
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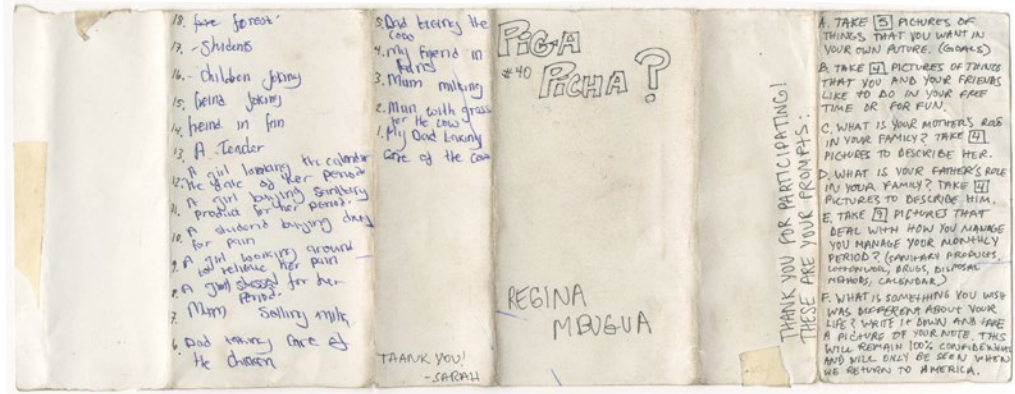
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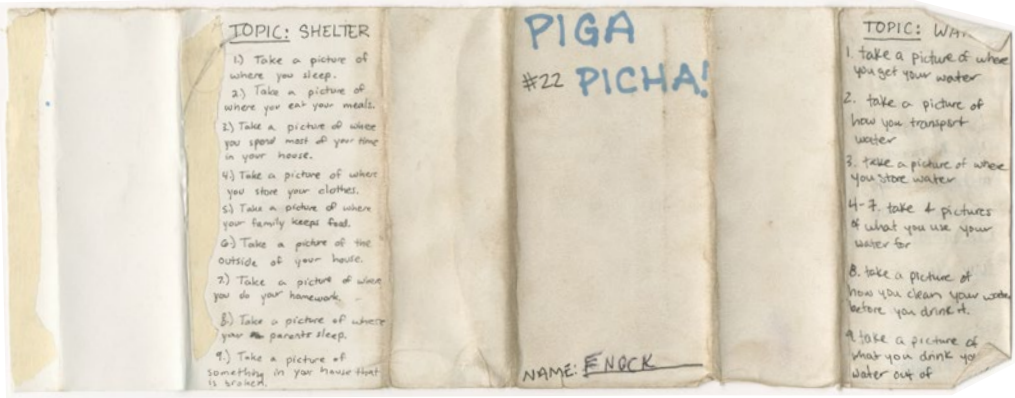
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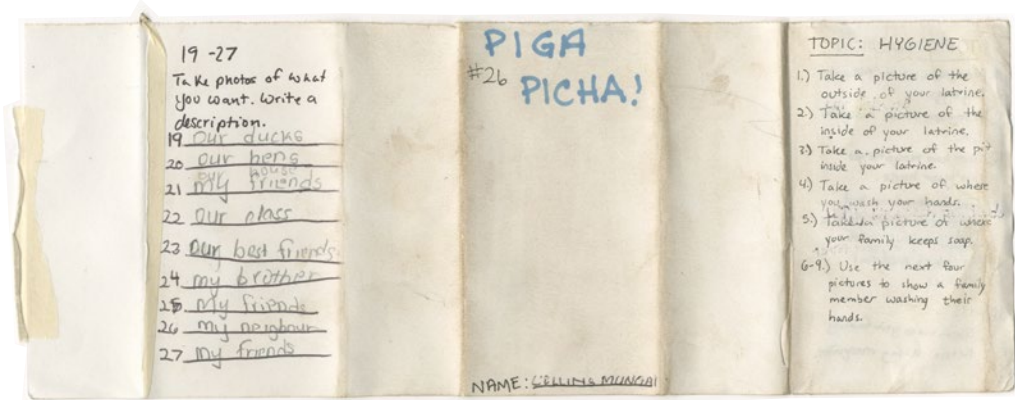
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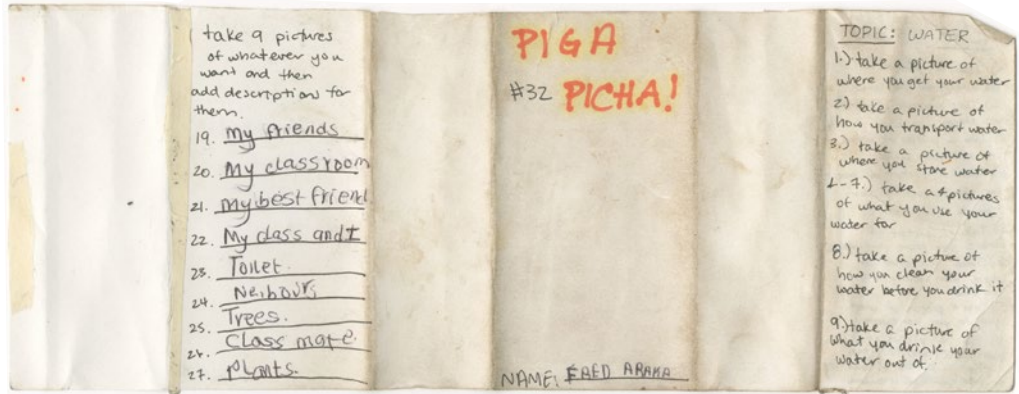
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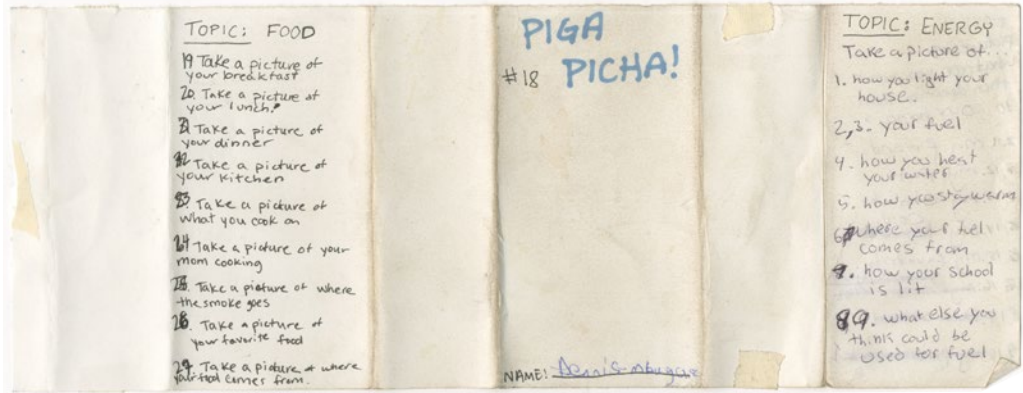
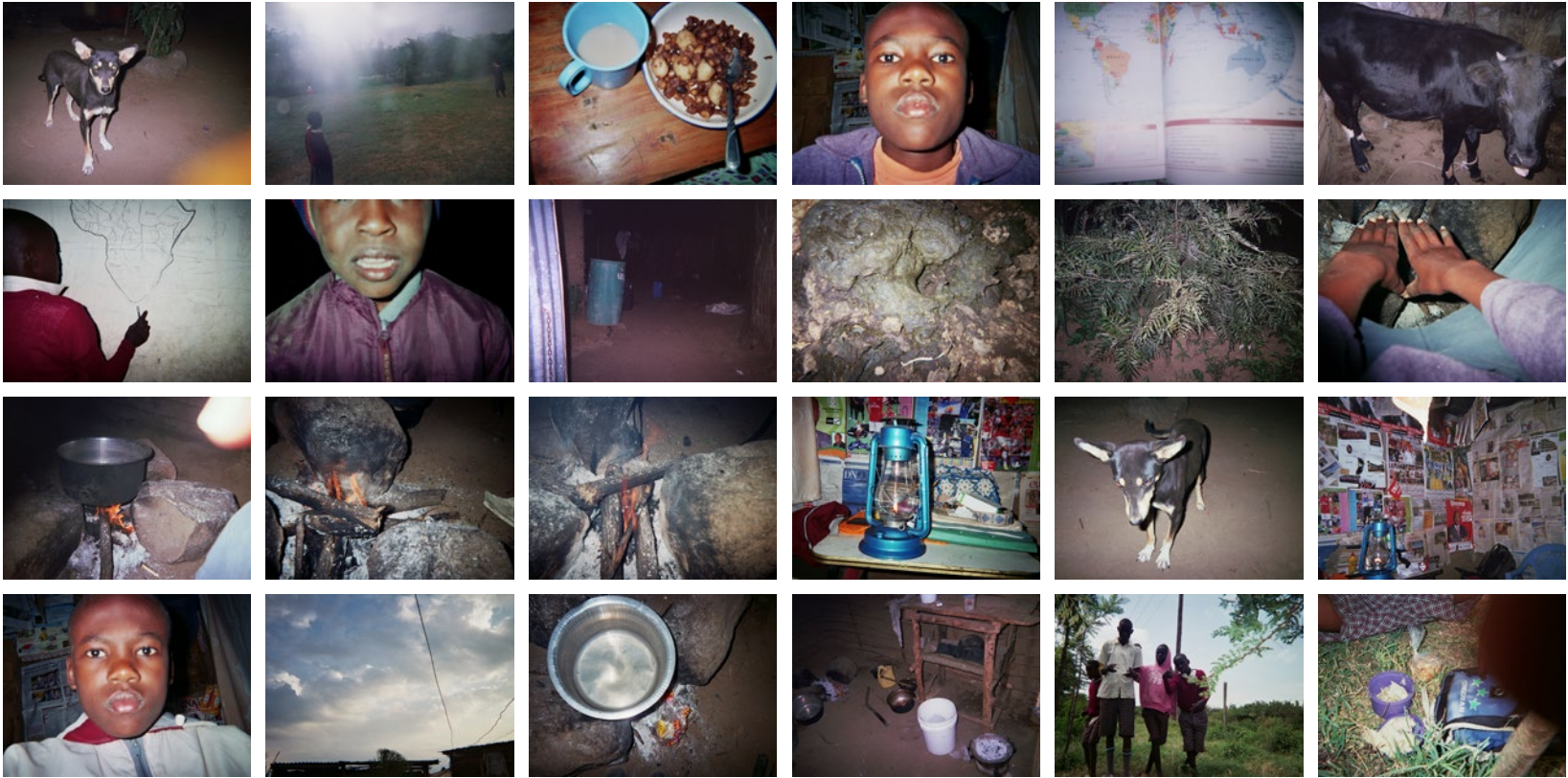
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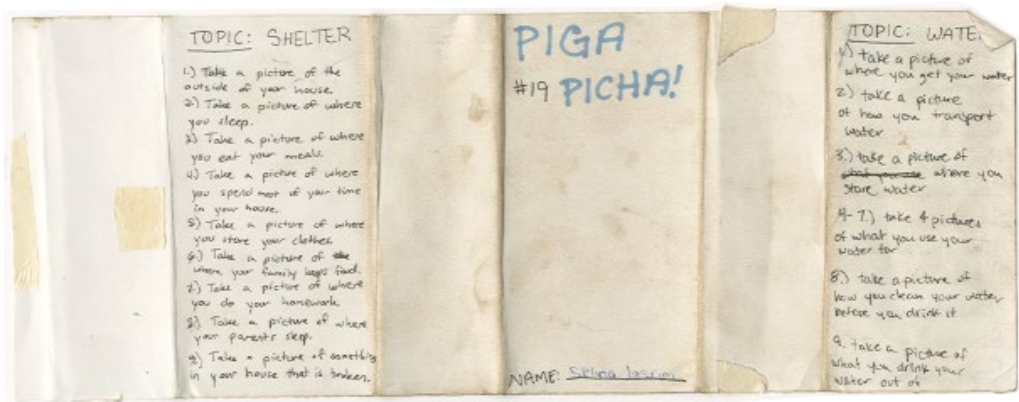
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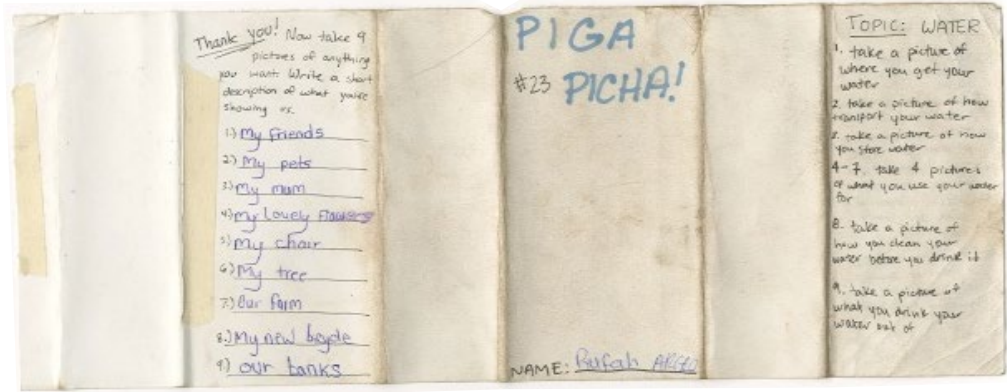
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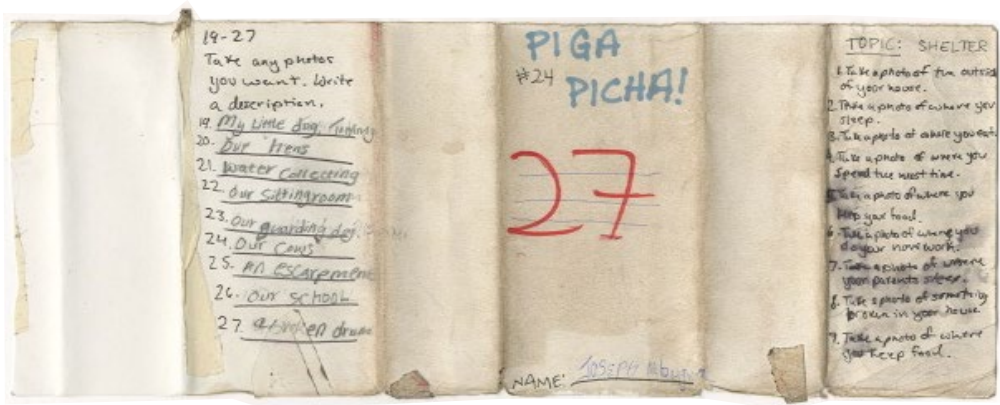
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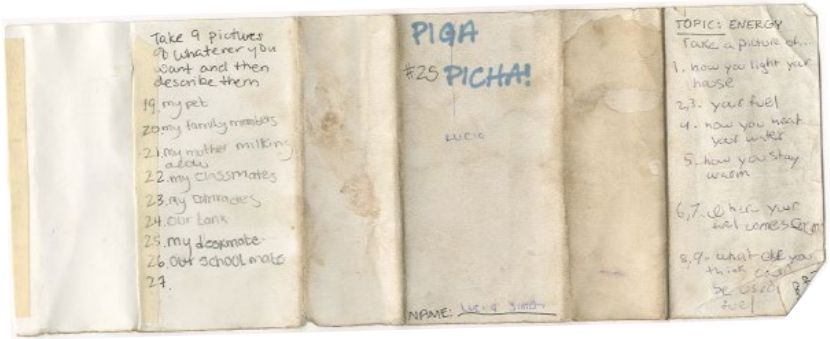
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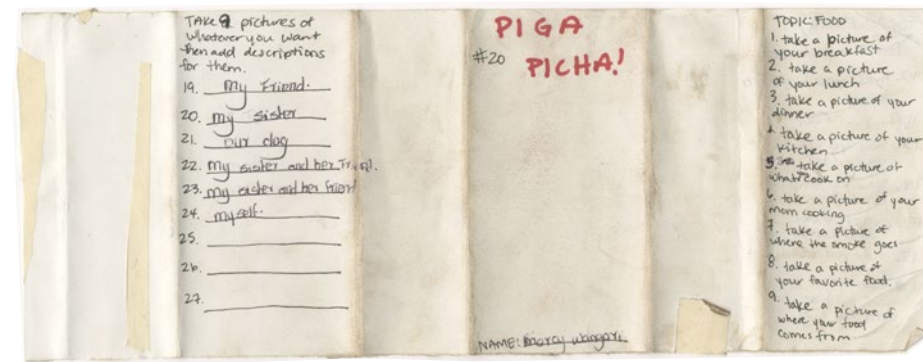
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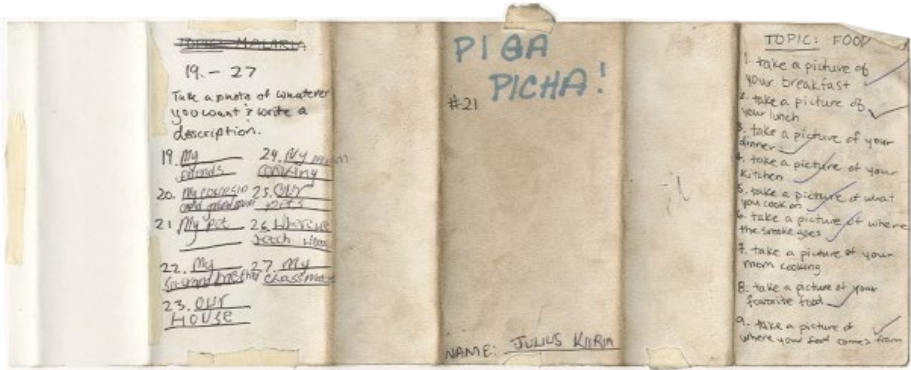
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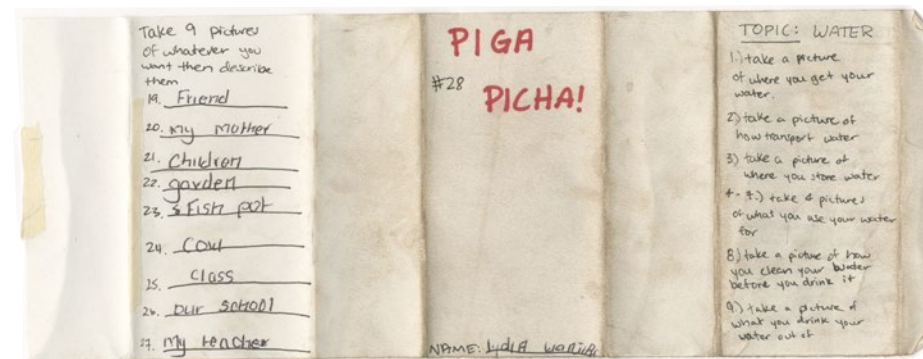
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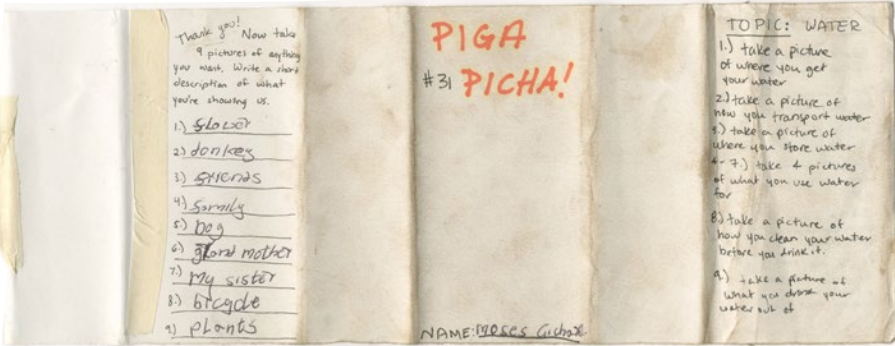
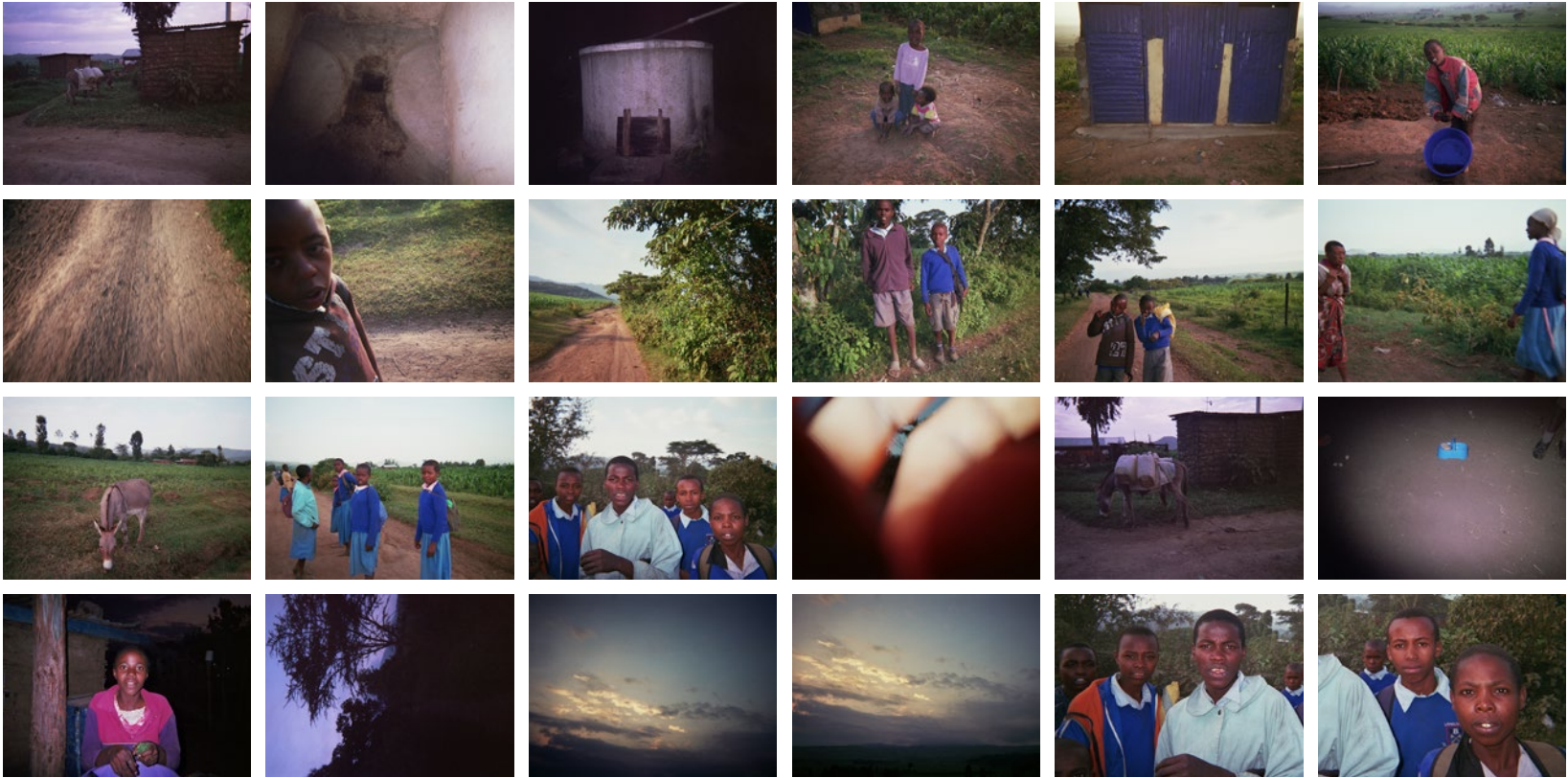
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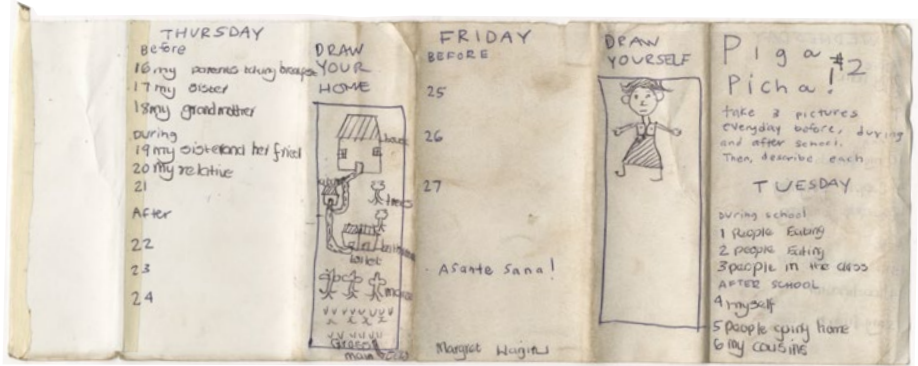
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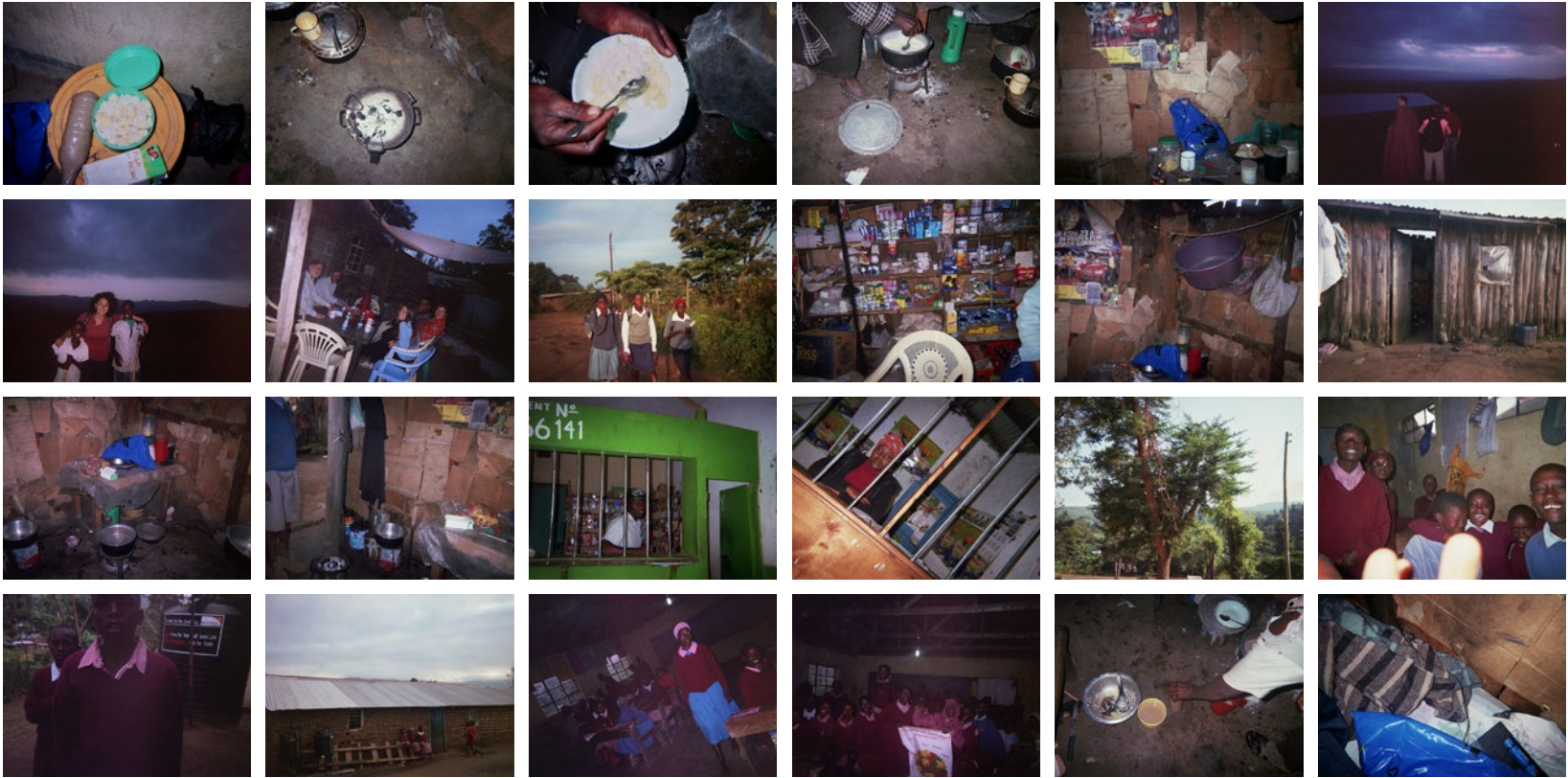
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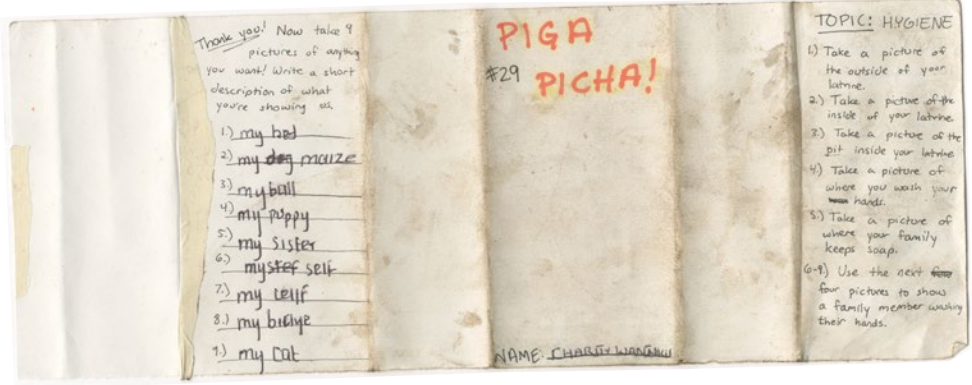
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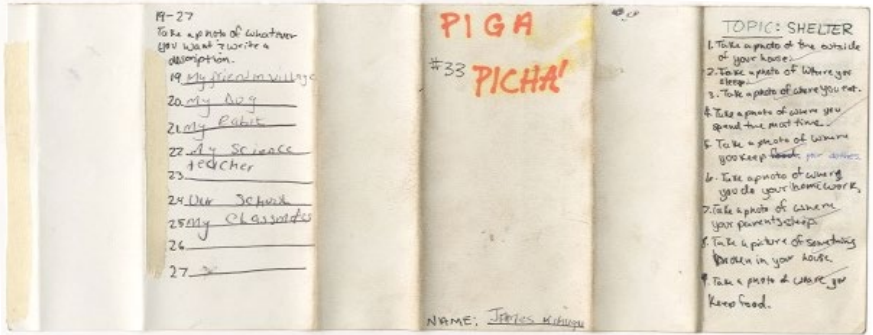
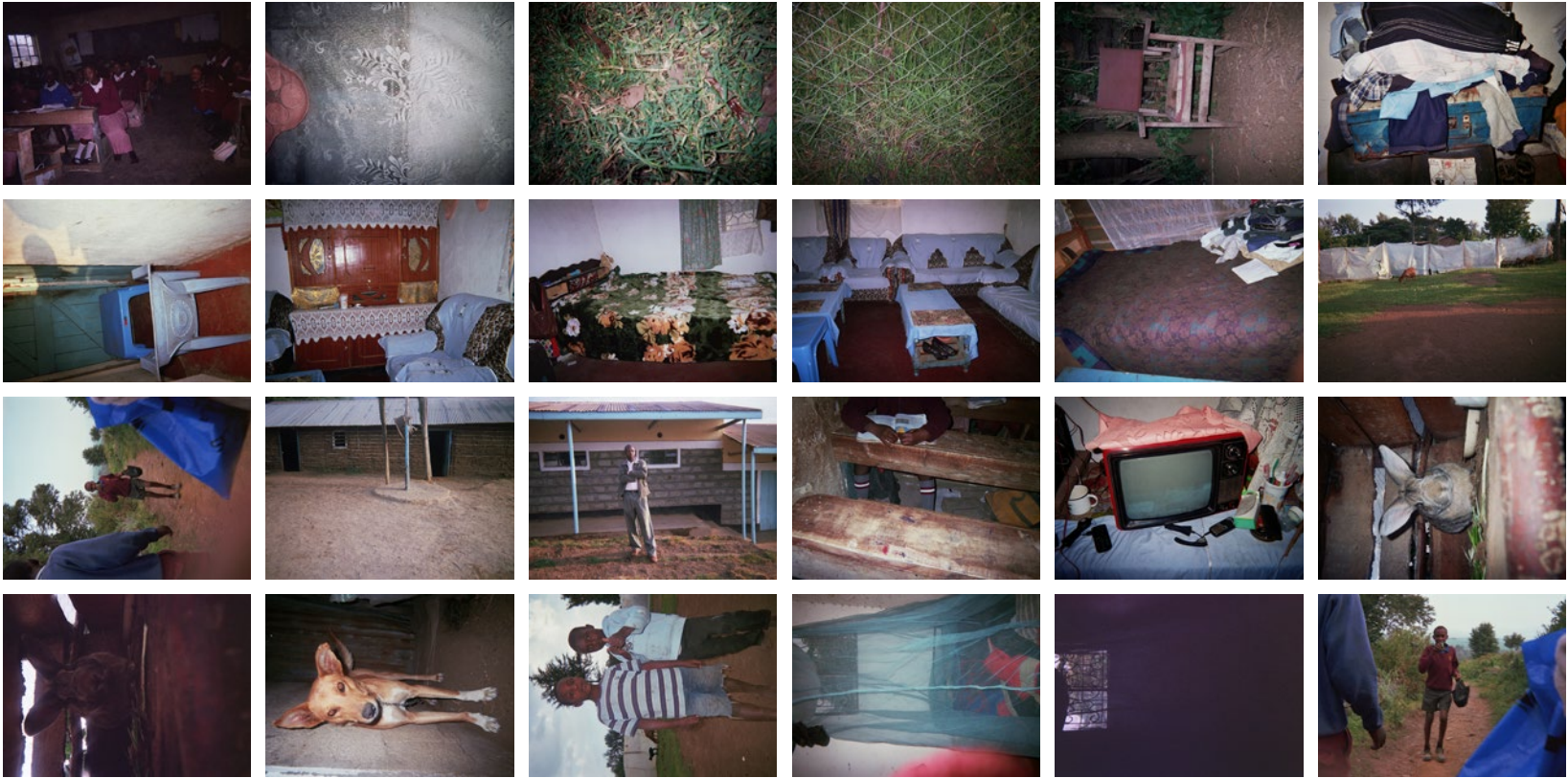
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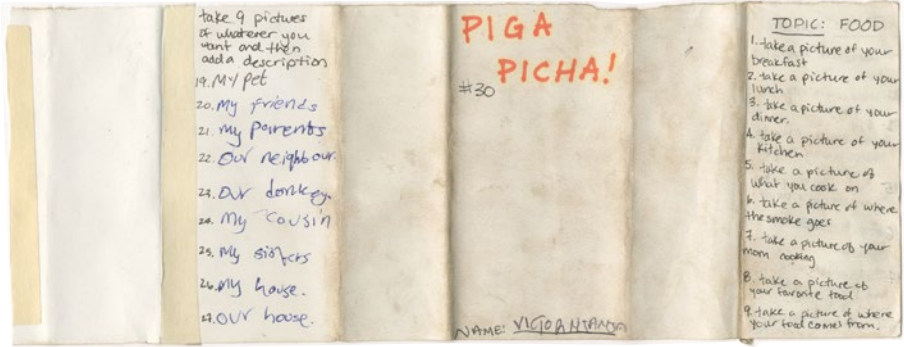
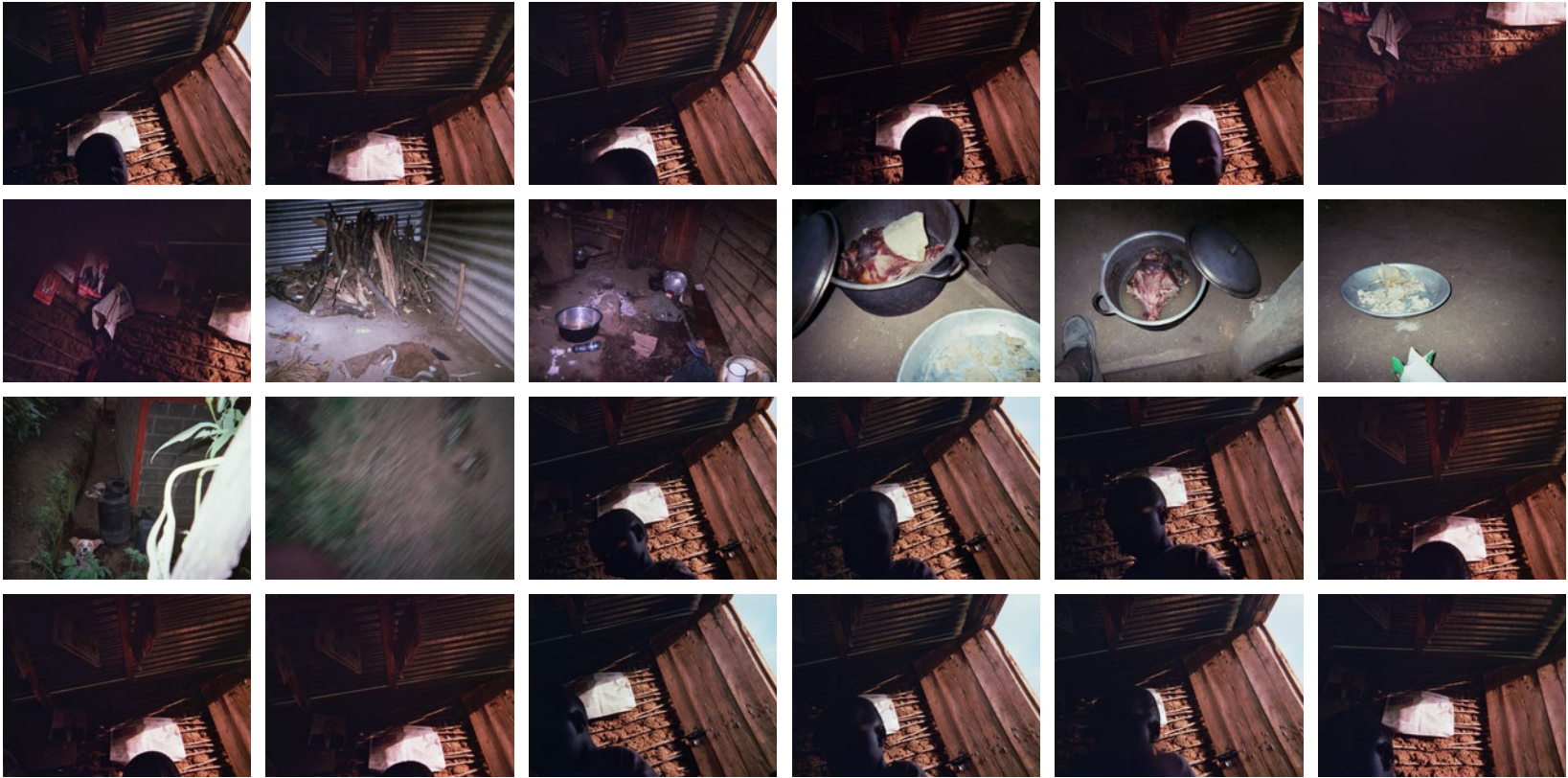
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