

Dear friends and family

We had some trouble with the laptop's keyboard and since there is no computer repairs in our area we had to wait three months till we could get to civilisation to have it replaced; that's why the newsletter is somewhat late this time!

There is still not a lot of rain this year so the maize harvest is looking doubtful at this stage even though some villagers had to sow a second time. The rainy season here in the western province is fairly short which is not making things any easier. Lourie is still buying sixty bags of maize every two weeks which is sold at cost just to help the villagers.

All the children are back at school and at college and Kelvin is doing his teacher's practice at Sesheke High School, which is not far from the base. Foster and Likezo are both doing their discipleship training in Kabwe while Cholwe and William are helping with teaching at the local schools. They are also teaching computers to the children from the two local schools, here at the base. Some of the children are walking as far as 10km to attend these lessons. Cholwe and William are getting their diplomas in September after which they would get their teacher's postings.

Les Blignaut, our friend who is handling our charity affairs in the UK, came to visit with two of his friends Aswin and Mike, from the Rotary Club, which was responsible for the donation that enabled us to install an amazing solar system in and around the Mari-Simon Centre that supplies the computers with solar.

Betty is teaching sowing lessons every day and she even taught Cholwe and William to knit jerseys for the orphans on the knitting machine for a little pocket money. On the right are Les and his friends with Induna Ilweendo while having a meal in the village.



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Cholwe teaching computers at the base



Les, Mike and Ashwin from Rotary UK

Liewe vriende en familie,

Die skootrekenaar se sleutelbord het besluit om probleme te gee en omdat daar nie iets soos rekenaarherstelwerk in ons area is nie het dit ons 'n lang tyd geneem om dit herstel te kry; en daarom is die nuusbrief effe laat hierdie keer!!

Die reën bly maar skaars en die mielieoeste gaan hierdie jaar weer teleurstellend wees al het die meeste van ons mense vir 'n tweede keer moes saai. Die reënseisoen is baie kort hier in die westelike provinsie so dit maak dit nog moeiliker. Lourie gaan haal nog elke twee weke 60 sakke mielie-meel wat ons teen kosprys verkoop net om die villagers te help oorleef.

Die meeste van ons kinders is nou geholpe in skole en kolleges en Kelvin doen sy finale jaar proewe hier in Sesheke, nie te ver van die huis af nie. Foster en Likezo is besig met dissipelskap in Kabwe terwyl Cholwe en William baie hard besig is met die plaaslike skole en gee ook rekenaaronderrig vir die twee plaaslike skole hier by ons op die basis. Sommige van ons kinders loop so ver as 10km om die rekenaarklasse by te woon. Cholwe en William wag tans vir hulle uitslae maar sal eers in September hulle diplomas ontvang en dan daarna plasings kry.

Les Blignaut, ons vriend wat die charity-sake in die VK hanteer, was verlede week hier op besoek saam met twee van sy vriende, Ashwin en Mike, van die Rotariër Klub, wat geld ingesamel het vir die sonkragsstelsel in en om die Mari-Simon sentrum.

Betty gee tans elke dag naaldwerk-onderrig en het selfs vir Cholwe en William geleer om met die breimasjien trui vir die weeskinders te brei vir 'n bietjie sakgeld. Links is Les-hulle saam met die hoofman, Induna Ilweendo, waar ons saam 'n maaltyd geniet het in die village.

For Cholwe's birthday we decided to invite all the important people in the area for a meal like the District Commissioner and the Chief of Police in the Sesheke District. Les and his friends donated a goat and we had a great time together.

Thanks to everyone who is still supporting the project. It is just amazing to see the delight on an orphan's face when their lives are changed.

Prayer requests:

- † Thank God for providing the funds to buy maize meal, and also bibles in the Lozi-language -for every child on the programme and for provision to meet their needs
- † Please pray for our kids on the programme who are struggling with English
- † It is a huge problem for them when they reach high school
- † Thank God for everyone's support of this project. There are so many of you working behind the scenes, we want to thank you again and we want to remind you yet again that our Farther in heaven sees your heart and will reward you in due season!

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Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

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Betty teaching sewing and knitting classes



Kelvin teaching in his final year



Our area chief Imbwae visiting

Vir Cholwe se verjaardag het ons besluit om sommer ook die belangrike mense soos die Distriks Kommissaris en die Hoof van Polisie, vir 'n ete te nooi. Les-hulle het 'n boerbok gekoop en ons het 'n heerlike feesmaal gehad.

Baie dankie ook aan almal van julle wat die projek bly ondersteun. Dis regtig wonderlik om die vreugde te sien wanneer 'n weeskind se lewe verander word deur 'n projek soos diè.

Gebedsversoeke:

- † Ons sê dankie vir die skenkings wat dit moontlik gemaak het om die Lozi-bybels aan te koop!
- † Ons is ook baie dankbaar vir die skenkings om mieliemeel vir die weduwees en wese aan te koop.
- † Ons kinders op die program wat sukkel met engels- dis 'n groot probleem om hulle in hoerskool te kry!
- † Sê saam dankie vir almal se volgehoue betrokkenheid by die projek. Daar is soveel van julle wat agter die skerms werk maar weet dat julle vergoeding nie by mense is nie, maar by ons Vader, wat ALLES weet en sien.

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Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

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