

Muli buti! (hoe gaan dit?)

Hier by ons gaan dit dol soos altyd – maar dis geen nuus, want in vandag se lewe is almal so besig, mens kry min kans om stil te sit!

Land-o-Lakes, 'n Amerikaanse maatskappy, is tans besig om 'n melk-'bar' (depot) op 'n stuk grond hier langs Kanjanji op te rig. Die projek beoog om 'n koei aan elke 'village' in die omgewing te skenk waarvan die melk dan aan die melk-'bar' terug verkoop gaan word. Vandaar word die melk aan Parmalat gelever. Die eerste kalf behoort ook aan Land-o-Lakes en sodoende word die projek voortgesit. Ons is baie opgewonde hieroor aangesien die melk-'bar' ons op 'n daaglikse basis van melk vir die weeskinders en -babas gaan voorsien.

Slegte nuus is dat ons twee HIV babas verloor het in die afgelope maand. Ergste is dat dit nou al so deel geword het van my en Lourie se lewens dat dit net nie meer 'n groot gebeurtenis is nie. Is dit nie tragies nie?!

Projekte

Met die hammermeule wat nou volstoom aan die gang is, moes ons 'n werker afstaan om permanent mielies te maal. Die gemeenskap kry die keuse om met kontant of mielies te betaal. Selfs ek het al gaan hand bysit met die malery! Hier kan jul sien, selfs die ou kleintjies bring mielies vir hulle familie.

Capie het sy hande vol met die jongklomp. Wanneer hy nie klas gee nie, hou hy hulle besig met allerhande takies wat hulle kom verrig oor naweke om fondse te bekom vir skoolgelde, uniforms en boeke. Op die foto hieronder is hulle besig om nog 'n septiese tenk te bou vir die nuwe toilette.

Capie se besoekersvisum is verleng, maar hy gaan ons ongelukkig eersdaags verlaat om in Malawi te gaan toer voordat hy terugkeer Suid-Afrika toe. Ons, maar veral ek, gaan hom baie mis want hy is meer as my



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Die hammermeule / The hammer mill



*Capie besig met rekenaarklasse
Capie busy with computer classes*

Muli buti! (How are you?)

Here at the camp we are very busy as usual – but I guess it's the same everywhere – nobody has a chance to smell the roses!

Land-o-Lakes, an American company, is busy putting up a milk bar (depot) next to Kanjanji. As part of the project, they will supply a dairy cow to each village in the area. The milk bar will then buy the milk from the villagers and sell it on to Parmalat. We are very excited about this, because the milk bar will supply us with fresh milk for the orphans on a daily basis.

Bad news is that we have lost two HIV babies during the past month. I am sad to say that Lourie and I are getting so used to this now that it is not such a big deal for us nowadays. Is it not too sad for words that the death of a baby is part of our everyday life!

Projects

The hammer mill is up and running now and we have had to employ a full time operator to grind the maize. The members of the community have a choice of payment to use the mill – either cash or a small bucket of maize. I sometimes also have to give a helping hand with grinding the maize. On the picture (left) you can see how even the little children come to grind maize for their families.

Capie is still very busy with all the programmes for the young ones. He has his hands full with organising various chores for some of the school-going children so that they can earn a little extra money. On the picture below they are busy digging another septic tank for the new toilets that are being installed.

Unfortunately, Capie will soon be leaving us to do some travelling around Malawi before he heads back to South Africa and the opportunities awaiting him over there. We will be very sad to see him go but we believe that God has a bigger plan and that we are all just playing our part in it.

regterhand! Ons hoop en bid dat daar iemand sal kom om sy plek in te neem. Die kinders sal 'n leemte voel omdat Capie hulle held was en ek bly maar die "kwaai antie"!

Capie het vir Mike, een van die voorskoolse onderwysers opgelei om aan te gaan met die rekenaarlesse, maar ek is bevrees niemand gaan sy skoene kan volstaan met die wiskunde nie!

Ons het nou al 5 bokke vir die bokprogram en poog om nog so 15 te kry. Bokke is min of meer selfonderhoudend omdat hulle omtrent alles vreet wat voorkom. En ja, reg geraai, dit is waarom hulle by Barnabas inwoon – geen groentetuin sal hier by ons staande bly nie!

Gebedsversoeke

- † Sê asseblief saam dankie vir al die seëninge!
- † Bid asseblief vir die hulpelose babas en die ander wesies wat HIV positief is.
- † Bid saam dat ons boorgatprobleme opgelos sal word. Ons sukkel nogsteeds (na 3 pompe!) om uit te vind waar lê die fout.
- † Bid asseblief saam vir Capie. Hy moet belangrike besluite neem aangaande sy toekoms en ons is hartseer om hom te laat gaan, maar wens hom alle sukses toe.

Nogmaals dankie en groete aan julle almal!

Kyk gerus op ons website vir die nuutste fotos en inligting

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*Die septiese tenk word gebou
Building work on the septic tank*



The children are going to miss him even more because Capie has been their hero for the last few months.

Capie has trained Mike, one of the preschool teachers, to continue the computer classes in his absence. Unfortunately, we will have difficulty to find someone to take over the mathematics classes.

We now have 5 goats for the goat programme and would like to get a further 15 goats. The goats will supply us with milk for the orphans. Goats are pretty much self-sufficient and yes (you have guessed it!) that is why they are going to be kept on our neighbour's farm as no vegetable garden would last very long with them around.

Prayer requests

- † Let us together say thank you to God for all His blessings!
- † Please pray for the helpless babies and the other children with AIDS.
- † We are continuing to have problems with our borehole pump. Please pray for wisdom!
- † Please pray for Capie. He has a number of important decisions to make about his future and we pray that he will just focus on Jesus. We are very sad to say good bye, but we wish him all the success for his future!

Blessings till next time!

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