Dear friends and family!

The climate in Zambia is very pleasant this time of year although there is a bit of a chill in the morning. We know it would still get colder next to the river so the orphans and older people without warm clothes and blankets do not share our feeling about the cooler weather!

Projects and personal

Seven of the older boys on the project came to visit us during the Easter holidays and it has been quite a busy time. Cholwe and William came all the way from teachers college in Kitwe which is 1500 km from us and it took them almost two days to travel the distance with public transport. While they were here we tried to introduce “normal” family life to them by eating together and we also started every day with devotions. Cooking for all these boys was fairly easy though since maize meal (nshima) is our staple diet. Soon we would be traveling back to Choma to get all the children back to school again.

The picture shows the boys opening up a road down to the river at Kono Mulimo, so we could install a water pump for the building works. They also helped us to convert the existing thatched structure into a small 2 roomed house and we started by digging proper foundations since the existing structure was built with mud. We are hoping to move in as early as next week but since there is only one bedroom, Benjamin will have to dwell in a tent for a while. The boys also reached out to the local primary school at Lusu Catholic Mission where they showed bible DVD’s with the aid of a generator since there is no power supply to the school. They also used the time to teach and explain the biblical truths in the stories and the children from the surrounding villages soon realised there was something to do at the school on Saturdays so they started turning up in numbers.

The small Pentecostal church we are attending has had a bit of a set back as the guy leading the church moved to another area after the sangoma (witchdoctor) convinced him that his child, who died of malaria quite recently, was bewitched by someone. When we asked him why he went

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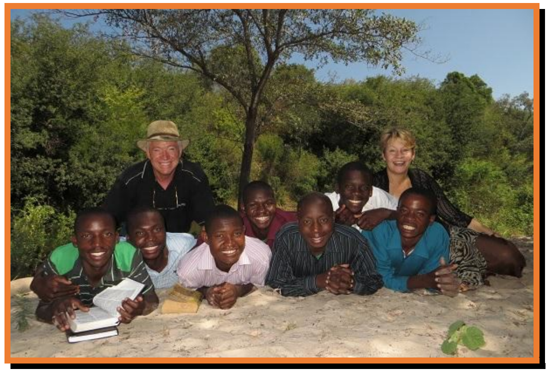

Boys visiting us during holidays

Liewe vriende en familie!

Die klimaat in Zambië is nou baie lekker en dit is van so ‘n aard dat jy wens dit wou so bly. Dit word egter nou kouer en kouer en die wesies en ou mense sonder warm klere en komberse voel gladnie dieselfde oor die klimaat nie!

Projekte en persoonlik

Sewe van die groter seuns op die projek het vir die skoolvakansie by ons kom kuier. Cholwe en William, studeer albei aan die onderwyskollege in Kitwe en dit neem hulle sowat twee dae om die 1500 km met ‘n bus af te lê. Terwyl al die seuns hier gekuier het, was dit lekker om soos ‘n groot familie saam te eet en elke oggend saam bybelstudie te hou. Kosmaak is gelukkig heel eenvoudig want mieliepap (nshima) is hulle stapelvoedsel. So is ons al amper weer oppad Choma toe om al die kinders terug in die skole te kry.

Links is die seuns besig om ons te help om ‘n pad oop te kap rivier toe by Kono Mulimo, sodat ons die waterpomp en pype kan installeer om bouwerk te begin. Omdat ons graag so vining moontlik hier wil vertrek, het ons besluit om die bestaande grasdakstruktuur by Kono Mulimo toe te bou. Die meeste van dit wat daar was, was maar van klei gebou so ons het nou stewige fondasies en mure en ons sal darem nou een kamer en ‘n kombuis hê. Benjamin sal vir eers in die tentjie moet bly. Saterdae-oggende het al die seuns ‘n program by die plaaslike skooltjie by Lusu Catholic Mission aangebied waar hulle ‘n bybelstoriefliek gewys het en dan daarna die storie met die kinders behandel het. Dit was elke keer ‘n hele optog want die kragopwekker moes ook saam om die die fliek te wys en ook swart plastieksakke om die vensters toe te maak! Elke week het die kinders natuurlik vermeerder en daar kom nou al so by die 40! Met die plaaslike kerkie gaan dit egter nie goed nie.

Die man wat die kerkie lei het besluit om sy huis te verlaat nadat die sangoma hom oortuig het dat sy kind, wat nou kort aan malaria dood is, deur iemand anders “bewitch” is. Toe ons hom vra hoekom hy as Christen na die sangoma toe gegaan het, was sy antwoord dat sy vrou hom gedreig het met egskeiding as hy dit nie doen nie…

to the sangoma as a Christian, his reply was that his wife threatened him with divorce if he does not go....This is only one of the many stories we hear where sangomas are involved and please, you must not stop praying for us, not only for us but also for many in the local community who are still bound by the chains of this evil practice which is such an abomination in God's eyes.

Many of you want to know what our most urgent physical need is at the moment. It has to be blankets and jerseys for the orphans and widows. We are always in need of shoes too but when you go to bed hungry and cold your body does not have the immunity to fight colds and flu. We are also planning a feeding programme for the really needy orphans at the school very soon and we have had uniforms made for 21 of the most needy orphans at school but that does not help much against the cold.

Prayer requests:

† Please pray for every child on the programme – many are still going hungry. We are hoping and praying for open hearts for school fees and money for uniforms for the new orphans.
† We thank God for your prayers and support in the difficult time we've been through.
† Thanks for your prayers for Lourie's dad.
† Please pray for our good health.
† Please pray that our move from Nina would be without any hick ups and to the glory of God.

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Blessings from Africa!

Lourie and Gisela

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Benjamin busy teaching 10 commandments

21 New orphans at the local school

Dit is maar een van die talle stories wat ons hoor waar sangomas betrokke is. Julle moet asb nie ophou bid nie, vir ons, en vir die plaaslike bevolking wat nog so vasgeketting is aan hierdie sataniese praktyk wat so 'n ewel in God se oë is nie.

Baie van julle het gevra wat die grootste fisiese behoefte is. Op hierdie stadium is dit komberse en truie vir die weeskinders. Hulle het ook nie skoene nie, maar as mens koud en honger slaap, het die liggaam nie veel immuniteit teen siektes nie. Ons sal binnekort begin met 'n voedingsprogram vir die hongerstes by die skool. Ons het vir 21 van die mees verwaarloosde wesies by die skool laat uniforms maak maar dit help glad nie teen koue nie.

Gebedsversoeke:

† Bid asb. saam vir elke kind op die program –daar is baie wat sonder kos moet gaan. Ons vra ook oop harte vir die nuwe wesies se skoolgelde en uniformpies.
† Ons sê saam dankie vir al die gebede en ondersteuning in die moeilike tyd wat ons deur is.
† Dankie ook vir almal se gebede vir Lourie se pappie.
† Bid asb saam vir gesondheid.
† Bid ook saam dat ons vertrek hier van Nina af pynloos en tot eer van God sal wees.

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En onthou asb. om jul bybelversies te stuur vir die stene! Text dit na 0026 0977867125

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