Dear friends and family

We wish you all a wonderful new year filled with many blessings and joy! May you all be so aware of God's presence and love for us all!

Projects and personal

Zambia really is picture perfect now. It is as if God has decorated all vegetation, from the tiniest blade of grass to the tallest tree with so many different beautiful hues of green. It is really so amazing!

We arrived back in Zambia on New Year's Eve after we had spent Christmas with family and friends in South Africa. It was a wonderful time of relaxation and recharging of the batteries while some of our older boys were keeping an eye on the Fishing Camp. William, one of our boys, offered to cycle the 40 kilometres to our nearest settlement, Sesheke, to buy food in case of emergency, while we were away. The fact that a new road is being built, going past the Fishing Camp, is a great blessing but it is still a long trek with a bicycle with no gears. William is also not fluent in the Lozi language so it is a bit of a struggle for him when the bicycle gives problems on the way.

The boys have moulded around 2000 cement bricks and we have imbedded bible verses in each and every brick. Thanks to all of you who have sent us your favourite bible verses. We are hoping to start digging the foundations very soon. Feel free to come and visit us in Zambia because we are in need of your help and expertise and it will be a life changing experience to you.

The Zambezi is rising by the day because of the good rains and the water is also getting murkier as a result of the many tributaries adding to the masses of water. Clean drinking

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Happy new year from all of us!

Everything is green!

Liewe vriende en familie!

Ons wens julle almal 'n wonderlike, geseënde, en vreugdevolle nuwe jaar toe! Mag julle ook die Here se teenwoordigheid so tasbaar beleef!

Projekte en persoonlik

Zambië is nou prentjiemooi! Dit lyk asof die Here sy verfkwas in soveel verskillende skakerings van groen gedoop het en elke grashalm, boom en blaar splinternuut oorgeverf en nuutgemaak het. Dis regtig so mooi!

Ons het oujaarsdagaand teruggekeer vanaf Suid Afrika, waar ons Kersfees met familie spandeer het. Dit was vir ons twee 'n wonderlike tyd van rus en batterye herlaai terwyl die ouer kinders die Fishing Camp opgepas het. William, een van ons kinders, het 'n fiets en het aangebied om die 40km na ons naaste dorpie af te lê om voorrade in nood aan te vul, in ons afwesigheid. 'n Groot sëen is dat daar 'n nuwe teerpad in ons geweste gebou word en dit is al rybaar tot by die Fishing Camp verby, maar dit bly maar nog 'n stywe trek met 'n fiets sonder ratte. William is ook nie Lozi magtig nie, so hy sukkel maar langs die pad as die fiets hom in die steek laat!

Die seuns het meer as 2000 van daai ou groot sementstene gemaak en in elkeen van die stene is daar 'n bybelversie ingebed. Baie dankie vir almal van julle wat versies gestuur het! Ons hoop om eersdaags die fondasies te kan begin grawe! Kom kuier gerus! Ons het julle hulp en insette nodig en dit sal 'n ervaring wees wat jy nie gou sal vergeet nie en wat jou lewe onomkeerbaar sal verryk en verander.

Die Zambezirivier se watervlak is besig om by die dag te styg en die water is nou vuil en modderrig van al die sytakke wat nou water by die massa byvoeg. Skoon drinkwater is nou ietwat van 'n probleem want die

water is a bit of a problem at the moment because our filtering system cannot cope with the increased amount of debris in the water and gets clogged up very quickly. Lourie and the boys tried to construct a sand filtering system to remove most of the dirt from the water before it gets filtered but it is proving to be a very slow process and your whites are never the same again after a wash!

Benjamin, a Zambian guy with a calling to do missions, joined our team in the past few days and Lourie and the boys went to meet him in Sesheke. He is a 26-year old guy with a friendly face and a broad smile and you can just see Jesus in his life. He has also just finished a year of missionary training at our OM headquarters in Kabwe and he is joining us to work with the Lozi- people. Benjamin does not have any financial support whatsoever but he just knows and believes that God will provide for his every need as He promises in Matt 6:33.

Prayer requests:

- † We thank God for a new year with many new opportunities to extend His Kingdom.
- † Thank God who sent Benjamin to help us with the task which we were called for and for his willingness to do missions.
- † Thank God for good health and we pray for the children going back to school now.
- † We thank God for all of you praying for us for we know He will always provide.

Blessings from Africa!

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Benjamin, our first missionary!

Lourie and the boys making a garden

waterfilters kan nie voorbly nie en raak gou verstop. Lourie en die seuns het 'n sandfilter probeer bou om net eers die ergste modder uit te kry voordat dit in die waterfilters ingaan, so dit gaan maar stadig. Ons kan nie waag om wit klere te dra nie, want jy kan dit nie was nie!

Benjamin, 'n Zambiër, het in die afgelope dae by ons spannetjie aangesluit en Lourie en die seuns het hom in Sesheke gaan verwelkom. Hy is 'n vriendelike jong man, 26-jaar oud, met 'n oop gesig en brëe glimlag en mens kan dadelik Jesus in hom sien. Hy het sopas 'n jaar "missions-training" voltooi by die OM-Hoofkwartier in Kabwe, en kom nou vir 'n jaar by ons bly om onder die Lozi-stam te werk. Benjamin het geen finansiële ondersteuning nie maar weet die Here sal voorsien soos Hy belowe in Matt 6:33.

Gebedsversoeke:

- † Ons sê saam dankie vir 'n nuwe jaar vol nuwe geleenthede om die Koningkryk uit te brei!
- † Dankie vir Benjamin wat ons gaan bystaan met ons taak waarvoor die Here ons geroep het.
- † Dankie vir sy bereidwilligheid om die Here te dien, al het hy self niks nie.
- † Vir goeie gesondheid –dat geen malaria of kiem ons sal siek maak nie!
- † Vir al ons kinders wat nou weer moet terug skooltoe
- † Veral vir die van julle wat so getrou bid en ons weet dat ons Vader altyd sal voorsien!

Seën uit Afrika

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