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Dear friends and family

Wish you could see the mighty Zambezi River this time of year! The water level has risen with an unbelievable two metres and will keep on rising till the end of April. It is almost bursting it's banks and the real danger is that many vegetable gardens on the banks will be destroyed.

We have just returned from a visit to South Africa and England and I managed to get my insulin and test strips replenished for the next year. It was really great to see all the friends again. While visiting the UK Lourie contracted a sudden very painful condition in the right eye and after several visits to doctors and A & E's the condition was diagnosed as iritis which is an inflammation of the iris part of the eye. Iritis could also lead to loss of sight if it stays untreated. Luckily the problem was addressed before we had to return to Zambia although Lourie will have to see a specialist in SA for a follow up.

Two of our children, Cholwe and Kelvin, both qualified teachers, were looking after the base while we were away. Both of them have mathematics as majors and are teaching at the two local schools while they are waiting for postings.
The two of them did an excellent job of looking after the place. Both are also teaching children who need extra care as well as those who need to redo some subjects in order to get accepted at college. Every kwacha they earn is saved to realise their big dream to see and experience snow somewhere in Europe. Both have planted some vegetable gardens to generate some extra income.

While we were away our little house was struck by lightning during a violent thunder storm. It has

Above: A big thank you for the container from the UK!

Above: The Zambezi almost at its highest level!

Liewe vriende en familie,

Ons wens julle kon die Zambezirivier hierdie tyd van die jaar beleef! Die watervlak het al 'n ongelooflike 2-meter gestyg en gaan nog aanhou styg tot einde April. Dit is propvol water en 'n asemrowende gesig. Die moontlikheid bestaan nou selfs dat van die villagers se tuine op die oewer onder water kan beland!

Ons het sopas teruggekeer vanaf 'n besoek aan SA en Engeland en my insulien en toetsstokkies is darem nou weer aangevul vir die jaar. Dit was voorwaar lekker om weer al die vriende te sien. Gedurende ons tyd in Engeland het Lourie egter 'n baie skielike, erge pynlike oogaandoening gekry in sy regteroog. Na vele dokterbesoeke en ure by noodgevalle is dit gediagnoseer as iritis, wat inflammasie van die irisgedeelte van die oog is en indien dit onbehandeld bly kan dit tot sigverlies lei. Lourie se sig was alreeds geaffekteer. Gelukkig is die probleem gediagnoseer voordat ons moes terug bosse toe! Lourie sal egter vir 'n opvolgondersoek na SA moet reis.

Twee van ons kinders, Cholwe en Kelvin, wat albei gekwalifiseerde onderwysers is, het die basis bestuur terwyl ons weg was. Albei van hulle het wiskunde as hoofvak en gee onderrig by beide van ons twee plaaslike skole terwyl hulle wag op plasings.
Die twee het hulle voorwaar uitstekend van hul taak gekwyt. Albei van hulle gee privaatonderrig aan studente en leerlinge wat matriek wil skryf of wat vakke moet verbeter om kollegetoelating te verkry. Hulle spaar elke eksta kwacha wat hulle verdien om hulle droom te bewaarheid om êrens in Europa te gaan sneeu sien! Beide van hulle het ook ekstra tuine aangelê en mielies geplant om hul inkoste aante vul.

destroyed most of our electrical appliances but fortunately our fridge/freezer managed to escape the destruction. Luckily there was no damage to the solar battery system!
We are happy to report that the forty foot container in the UK is ready to be shipped to Zamulimu. Thanks again to everyone's unselfish effort which made this container possible. It is going to make such a difference in so many children's lives. People from far and wide have contributed time and money, even as far as the Isle of Man. Someone even had the brilliant idea to place collection baskets, with a picture of Kanjanji, at some of the supermarkets. Steve Georgala, with his friends, have contributed greatly towards this container. Thanks again to everyone; we will take many pictures.

Prayer requests:

-We thank God that we did not have any damage to our solar battery system.
-We thank God for everyone praying with and for us.
-Thanks to everyone who were involved with the container in some or other way.
-Please pray for wisdom concerning the orphans.
-Please pray for our health
-please pray for the political situation in Zambia - it is very unstable at the moment!
-Please pray for a Godly man to replace the retiring induna.

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

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Below: Cholwe, Zulu and Kelvin busy with the roof to our new preschool.

Above: Cholwe and Kelvin, our sons that are teaching here and at the local schools.

Below: Our induna, mr Alfred (or Inxuna Ilweendo)is almost 90.

In ons afwesigheid het 'n weerligstraal tydens 'n hewige donderstorm ons huisie getref en baie van ons elektriese apparate vernietig maar gelukkig is daar geen skade aan die sonkragbatterystelsel nie!

Ons is bly om te kan sê dat die veertigvoetkrat wat vir Zamulimu bestem is nou gepak is en daar in die suide van Engeland gereed staan om verskeep te word. BAIE DANKIE aan ieder en elk wat gemoeid was met die insamel, invordering, donasies en pak van die krat! Dit is 'n wonderlike geskenk en mense so ver as Isle of Man het geld geskenk en met blink idees vorendag gekom om mandjies by Tesco- en Asdasupermarkte te plaas met 'n foto van Kanjanji. Steve Georgala, wat Kanjanji al op vele maniere ondersteun het het saam met vriende ook geld bewillig vir die krat. Baie dankie aan almal! Ons sal julle oorweldig met foto's sodra die krat arriveer!

GEBEDSVERSOEKE
-Ons se saam dankie dat die sonkragsisteem en ons ys/vrieskas die weerlig weerstaan het!
-Baie dankie aan almal wat saam met ons bid en wat op een of ander manier betrokke is - veral met finansies!
-Baie dankie ook aan almal wat deel gehad aan die krat wat nou uiteindelik van Engeland gestuur gaan word!
-Bid asb. saam vir wysheid met die weeskinders.
-Bid asb. saam vir ons gesondheid.
-Bid ook asseblief vir die land se politieke situasie- dit is baie onseker op die oomblik.
-Bid asb. nogsteeds dat ons 'n goddelike man sal kry as nuwe induna, ons induna is baie oud en moeg.

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

Lourie & Gisela Ferreira