

Kamwamba!

A warm hello from a very hot and dry Zambia!

It looks like we might get some rain early in November, although the rainy season only usually starts around the end of November. In the meantime, the baptismal bath doubles as a splash pool and we are walking around very slowly and only if necessary as the daytime temperatures are now around 38°C and it still climbing!

Personal and projects

We are becoming more aware of the hunger in the villages as young children come to our door to beg for something to eat almost on a daily basis. You may remember young Daniel who has been walking 3km from the age of 3-years to get a peanut butter and jam sandwich. He is now 5 years old, in good health and he is still walking that distance almost every day and he even says "thank you" now.

We have an annual deworming programme for the young children in the villages, as water is scarce and hygiene is not high priority. We have to get permission from the parents and/or guardians to administer the medicine. Young Daniel also started gaining weight since we started this programme.

Matt, Kristen (originally from Canada) and family came to visit us on their way back to Kabwe in Zambia where Matt and Kristen are both involved at the OM/ProChristo offices. We celebrated Kristen's mother's sixtieth birthday with a home baked chocolate cake.

A few days later we had Lyle and Jetta Hall (also from Kabwe, Zambia) and their 4 daughters, as well as Brett and Teya Gibson (from Australia) and 2 children visit us for an evening. They were on their way back to Kabwe. What an amazing time we had together. Thank you again – you were such a blessing to us!



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Kids with sandwiches



Matt, Kristen and family

Kamwamba!

Dit is 'n warm halo uit 'n baie warm en droeë Zambië!

Ons behoort so begin November 'n buitjie reën te kry, maar ons reën kom eintlik eers aan die einde van November. Intussen moet ons maar geduldig die doopbad gebruik om af te koel – of net baie stadig en min beweeg! Die dagtemperatuur is nou by die 38°C en styg steeds.

Persoonlik en projekte

Die honger in die omliggende gemeenskappe is besig om toe te neem en van die kleiner kinders kom deesdae al omtrent op 'n daaglikse basis by ons aanklop om 'n broodjie te bedel. Julle onthou dalk nog klein Daniel wat al vanaf 3-jarige ouderdom elke dag 3km geloop het om 'n grondboontjeboterbroodjie te kom haal. Hy is nou 5 jaar oud en dit gaan nou baie goed met hom. Hy sê al geredelik "twalumba auntie" (dankie) wanneer ek sy broodjie vir hom gee.

Ons het jaarliks 'n ontwormingsprogram vir die voorskoolse kinders, omdat hulle so sonder water en higiëne lewe. Ons moet natuurlik eers formeel toestemming by die ouers of voogde kry voordat ons dit mag doen. Dit was eers na sodanige behandeling dat klein Daniel begin gewig optel het.

Ons was baie bevoorreg om vir Matt, Kristen (oorspronklik van Kanada) en hulle familie hier te kon hê, al was dit net vir 'n paar uur. Hulle het saam met ons dissipelskap gedoen en Kristen se ouers kuier tans hier vanaf Kanada. Matt is werksaam by die OM hoofkantore in Kabwe, waar hy klasgee in sy pastorale hoedanigheid. Ons het saam Kristen se ma, Lorraine, se 60ste verjaardag gevier.

'n Paar dae later het die pastoor van TTN ('To The Nations') Lyle en Jetta Hall (ook van Kabwe, Zambië) met hul 4 dogters, asook Brett en Teya Gibson (van Australië) met hul 2 kinders, kom besoek aflê. Hulle was oppad terug Kabwe toe en het net vinnig een aand hier kom oorbly, maar dit was wonderlik vir ons!

At Kanjanji we are struggling with a rat problem at the moment as well as millions of ants and, I am almost forgetting, also numerous roman spiders! It almost sounds like the 10 plagues of Egypt, doesn't it? You can see the size of the rats on the picture below.

Tiger, our village dog is doing very well now after a very difficult few weeks. He was very badly singed after a young girl accidentally spilled some boiling water all over his back and hind legs. We are applying citronella oil now to protect the poor dog against mosquito bites.

Prayer requests

- † Pray for good health, especially against malaria;
- † Pray for God's wisdom regarding the orphans;
- † Thank God for everyone's participation with the project and in our lives.

Many blessings and love from Zambia.

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Brett, Lyle and family



Lourie with one of the plagues

Op Kanjanji het ons tans 'n rotplaag (asook 'n mierplaag) – en o ja – amper vergeet ek die romanspinnekopplaag! Sjoe, ons is al amper by die 10 plae! Links kan julle sien hoe groot die rotte is! Partykeer moet mens ver gaan soek om die valletjie te kry, want dan het die rot daarmee gespaander!

Met Tiger, ons hond wat so lelik verbrand het nadat 'n kind per ongeluk kookwater op hom laat val het, gaan dit baie goed. Ek sit daagliks vir hom citronella olie aan sodat die muskiete hom nie moet bykom nie!

Gebedsversoeke

- † Bid asb saam vir gesondheid, veral teen malaria;
- † Bid asb vir God se wysheid t.o.v. die weeskinders;
- † Sê saam dankie vir die Here vir elkeen se betrokkenheid by ons (persoonlik) en by die projek.

Baie seën en liefde uit 'n warm, droeë Zambië.

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