

Dear friends and family

We greet you warmly from the African bush where it is getting hotter by the day, now around 35 degrees Celsius, and we are looking with expectation at every little cloud on the horizon, because just maybe the rains would come earlier this year.

Projects and personal:

In our previous newsletter we reported that we are looking after Nina Fishing Camp while the owner is still in prison awaiting trial. We hope this nightmare is soon going to be over for him.

In the meantime a young guy from England, Tom Mason jnr. came to visit to give us a hand with the maintenance of the camp. Tom, who is a member of his University's rowing team, taught two of our children, Cholwe and William in no time how to manage a makoro (local canoe made out of a tree trunk) on the Zambezi. On the picture are the three of them on their way to one of the islands. Tom and Cholwe also went to offer their help at our neighbouring school and both of them are now teaching English to the grade 8 and 9's. We also got involved at the small local church which is gathering under a tree at the moment and Cholwe and William immediately started helping with bible teaching. Cholwe is a great help to all of us because he can speak the local Lozi language.

God works in mysterious ways and we are looking with expectation at how His plan is unfolding for us. You might remember that this is the same area which we visited on our very first outreach with "Doctors for Life", about a year ago, so the area is well known to us.



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Reaching out to widows.



OM Leadership came to visit us.

Liewe vriende en familie,

'n Baie warm hello hier uit die hartjie van die bos. Elke dag word dit net warmer (nou 35 grade C) en ons kyk met groot verwagting na elke wolkie wat op die horison verskyn...want net dalk kom die reën hierdie jaar bietjie vroër!

Projekte en persoonlik:

Soos julle met die vorige nuusbrief verneem het, is ons besig om Nina Visvangkamp op te pas, terwyl die eienaar nog steeds verhoorafwagend in die tronk is. Ons hoop en bid dat hierdie nagmerrie gou vir hom sal oor wees.

Intussen het ons 'n besoeker (Tom Mason jnr) uit Engeland gekry. Tom help dus nou saam met ons 2 seuns hier om die kamp instand te hou. Tom, 'n ervare roeier, was 'n lid van sy universiteit se roeispans en kon in 'n kort tydjie ons kinders, Cholwe en William, touwys maak om met 'n makoro (kanoe gemaak uit 'n boomstomp) op die Zambezi te roei. Op die foto is die drie in 'n makoro oppad na een van die eilande om te gaan vis vang. Tom en Cholwe het hulle hulp gaan aanbied by die naburige skooltjie en bied nou albei Engels klasse aan. Ons het ook by die plaaslike kerkie, wat tans onder 'n boom vergader, gaan inskakel en Cholwe en William het dadelik die nood raakgesien en begin help met Woordonderrig. Cholwe kan die plaaslike taal, Lozi, praat en hy lyk en klink sommer baie tuis voor die klein gemeente.

Ons ken nie God se wêreld nie, en dit is met opgewondenheid en verwondering dat ons nou kyk wat Hy vir ons beplan. Julle onthou dat hierdie die area is waar ons die eerste "Dokters vir Lewe" uitreik gehou het, so ons is bekend met die area.

The local induna has even offered a piece of land so that we could build a base for the mission organisation, OM, and the leadership from Kabwe visited us last week to be introduced to the local leaders. The Lozi tribe is seen as one of the least reached people groups in Africa. Less than 5 % of this tribe are Christians so there is much work to be done.

Two of our boys, attending Choma Secondary School, had been chosen as head boy and hostel captain respectively for the next year. It is a great honour for them if you keep their difficult backgrounds in mind!

Prayer requests:

- ✠ Please pray for our plans to build a base.
- ✠ Please pray for all our children starting exams soon.
- ✠ Please remember to pray for our friend in prison-it surely is not easy for him.

Thank you again to all of you who are involved with this project! Without you nothing would happen and people would die without Jesus!

Blessings to you from Barotse-land.

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Tom, Cholwe and William

Die plaaslike induna het vir ons 'n mooi stuk grond aangebied om 'n basis vir ons sendingorganisasie, OM, te bou en die leierskap van OM was verlede naweek ook hier om die plaaslike leiers te ontmoet. Die Lozi-stam word gereken as een van die minder bereikte stamme in Afrika. Minder as 5% van die mense is Christene, so hier is baie werk!

Intussen is ons twee van ons seuns wat skoolgaan in Choma Secondary School (een van die beste skole in die suide), onderskeidelik gekies as hoofseun en koshuiskaptein. Dit is regtig 'n groot eer as in gedagte gehou word uit watter moeilike omstandighede hierdie kinders kom.

Gebedsversoeke:

- ✠ Bid asb saam vir ons toekomsplanne - die nuwe OM basis in Barotse-land.
- ✠ Bid asb saam vir al ons kinders wat eersdaags met eksamens begin.
- ✠ Onthou asb ons vriend in jul gebede - tronk in Afrika is nie speletjies nie.

Baie dankie aan almal wat so betrokke bly by die projek. Sonder julle ondersteuning sou ons nie kon doen wat ons doen nie- en mense sou nooit die Evangeliegehoor het nie.

Seen uit Barotse-land.

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