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Dear friends and family!

A warm hallo from Zambia where the nights are thankfully cooler now although the day temperatures are still hovering in the high thirties. I know you Brits do not want to hear that! After Milo's near death experience with the crocodile we have realised yet again that wildest Africa should be treated with the respect that it demands, so cooling down in the river is not an option any more.

Projects and personal

Last week we returned from a short visit to South Africa to see Lourie's dad in hospital who was scheduled to have another hip replacement operation but tests revealed another serious problem so the operation had to be postponed. Luckily we could still celebrate his 80th birthday before he was put on kidney dialyses in Pretoria East Hospital. He is still so young in spirit and we are praying for his speedy recovery!

Malaria has struck again close to home. The seven year old boy of pastor Vincent died on Saturday and Benjamin and Kelvin led the burial service on Sunday. What a sad day that was!

Our time in South Africa was so rushed that we just could not see everyone but all of you are very welcome to come and visit us in Zambia. It will change your life, I'll have you know!

A special word of thanks to the AFM Zion Congregation in Parys, South Africa, for a special offering for us during the service. The money covered our fuel costs back to Zambia and more! We also thank you for your open hearts towards missions and your willingness to help young Benjamin (the Zambian missionary) financially. With the money he first of all wants to buy himself a bicycle because he is covering many kilometres by foot to reach the villages where he is spreading the good news of Jesus. God bless you!

Dad turns 80

Liewe vriende en familie!

'n Lekker warm hello hier uit 'n baie warm Zambië! Die nagte is darem nou al ietwat koeler, maar bedags gaan die temperatuur nog steeds in die hoë dertigs in! Ek weet julle Britte wil dit glad nie hoor nie! Ons het, nadat Milo deur 'n krokodil gebyt is, weereens besef dat ons respek moet hê vir wilde Afrika, so swem in die vol rivier is nie nou 'n opsie nie.

Projekte en persoonlik

Ons het verlede week teruggekeer vanaf 'n blitsbesoek van SA, omdat Lourie se pa 'n 2e heupvervanging sou kry en ook sy 80e verjaarsdag in die hospitaal sou vier. Maar soos 'n vorige keer, is hy wel opgeneem, en toe vind hulle uit dat daar 'n ander ernstige probleem is, en kon dus nie opereer nie. Ons kon darem sy 80e verjaardag vier, voordat hy weer opgeneem is. Hy is tans in die hoë sorg eenheid op 'n nierdialise masjien en ons bid dat hy volkome sal herstel, want hy is nog so jonk van gees. Saterdag het malaria weer 'n klein lewetjie geëis; ons het die onstellende nuus gekry dat die pastoor van die kerkie waarvan ons deel is, se middelste seuntjie aan malaria oorlede is. Kelvin en Benjamin het toe Sondag die begrafnisdiens gelei. Dit was baie hartseer.

Ons tydjie is SA was baie gejaagd en jammer dat ons nie by almal 'n draai kon maak nie, maar julle is baie welkom om by ons te kom kuier! 'n Spesiale woord van dank aan die AGS Siongemeente van Parys, Suid Afrika, vir hulle insameling tydens die diens wat meer as ons petrolgeld gedek het! Ook baie dankie aan julle vir die bereidwilligheid om vir jong Benjamin (die Zambiese sendeling) finansiëel te ondersteun. Met die geldjies wil hy eerstens 'n fiets aanskaf want hy loop baie kilometers met die voet na die villages om die goeie nuus van Jesus te verkondig.

During our visit to South Africa we mentioned to some friends that we are looking for an architect to help us with building plans for the new piece of land. Tobie and Maryna Vente introduced us to their daughter Anushka who is an architect and her boss, listen to this, is Lodewyk Welgemoed, also an architect who had been a member of the South African Congregation in England, with us, for many years. (He was with us on the SAC church board for many years, as well as a cell group leader!) How amazing is our God!

We really need to get started with the building project because Nina Fishing Camp was sold to a Zambian business man so we are not sure what our future holds at Nina.

Prayer requests:

- † Please pray for a speedy recovery for Lourie's dad.
- † Please pray for Pastor Vincent and his family for losing a child.
- † Please pray that God would mobilise people to help with the building project.
- † Please pray for good health for all of us.
- † Please pray for Benjamin that the villagers would receive him with an open heart.

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Thanks again for all your support and interest.

Love and greetings from Zambia.

Lourie and Gisela

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Kelvin Teaching the Armour of God

Benjamin, Pollin and Kelvin

A big funeral for a small boy.

Met ons besoek aan Pretoria noem ons dat ons opsoek is na 'n argitek wat kan help met planne vir Kono Mulimu (die nuwe stuk grond) en Tobie en Maryna Vente stel ons toe voor aan hulle dogter Anushka wat 'n argitek is en julle sal nie glo nie, maar sy werk nou al vir drie jaar saam met Lodewyk Welgemoed, haar baas, ook 'n argitek, wat jare saam met ons in die SA Gemeente in Engeland was. (Hy was saam met ons op die SAG kerkraad asook 'n selgroepleier!) Hoe amazing is God nie!

Ons sal so gou moontlik moet begin bou want Nina Fishing Camp is verkoop aan 'n Zambiese sakeman en ons weet nie wat ons toekoms hier by Nina inhou nie.

Gebedsversoeke:

- † Bid asb. saam vir my skoonpa se herstel.
- † Bid ook vir pastoor Vincent en sy familie wat 'n kind verloor het.
- † Bid saam dat ons hulp sal kry om te begin bou.
- † Bid ook dat ons gesond sal bly.
- † Bid saam vir jong Benjamin wat baie ver moet loop en dat mense hom met oop harte sal ontvang.

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Nogmaals baie dankie vir jul almal se belangstelling en ondersteuning!

Groete en Liefde uit Zambië.

Gisela en Lourie

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