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Dear friends and family

Although we are now right in the middle of winter in the southern hemisphere, the day temperatures often go up to the thirties but unfortunately for the vulnerable children the temperatures during the night often go down as low as 7-or 8-degrees. So there is just always a need for blankets and jerseys!

Most of you would remember that we did not have much rain in the previous planting season which resulted in a total failure of the maize harvest and since maize is also the staple diet in these parts of Africa we are facing a very difficult time with hunger and need and poverty all around us. The next planting season would only start by the end of November which means harvest time would be by the end of April next year; so that means another eight months of hunger for most people around us! People are now coming to our door every day begging for food.....worst is you know there are more hungry mouths to feed back at these homes. A church from Naboomspruit in S.A. has donated a bag of maize which they prayed over and we all believe God is going to keep refilling this bag of maize like the manna in the Old Testament times.

Some of the orphans out in the village are now getting two meals a day under supervision because taking bags of maize to them in the village is not an option because there are just too many hungry mouths.

In the meantime Betty has made around thirty school uniforms while her husband, Michael, are knitting jerseys for the orphans. Betty also gets the women over for bible study on Wednesdays while Fridays are set aside for sewing classes.

Kelvin, one of our children, is doing his student teacher's



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Above: the four orphans with new jerseys

Below: The first ICT exam at Zamulimu!



Liewe vriende en familie,

Ons is nou in die hartjie van die winter maar die dagtemperatuur styg steeds tot by die dertigs maar ongelukkig vir die ou kleintjies daal die nagtemperatuur baie gereeld tot so laag as 7-of 8- grade en dus is daar steeds 'n behoefte aan komberse en truië.

Soos julle kan onthou was daar die afgelope jaar baie min reën en die mielie-oeste het totaal en al misluk! Aangesien die mense in die plattelandse bosgebiede totaal afhanklik is van hulle lappie mielies vir kos vir die volgende jaar staar hongersnood nou feitlik almal om ons in die oë. Die reën sal eers weer hopelik in November kom, wanneer geplant word, en dan oes hulle om en by die einde April; so dis nog 'n volle agt maande van honger vir die groot meerderheid. Mense kom nou al elke dag aan ons deur klop vir hulp en dan besef ons weer hoe erg dit moet wees om ander te gaan vra vir kos....die ergste is dat ons weet daar is honger mondjies by die huis! So het 'n kerk van Naboomspruit hulle harte oopgemaak en meel geskenk. Nou kom van die weduwees en wese elke dag 'n 2-kg sakkie meel haal en ons vertrou God dat Hy die meel nie sal laat opraak nie; net soos die manna van die Ou Testament.

Ons het ook begin om van die weeskinders twee maaltye per dag onder toesig te gee, omdat ons nie meer kan volhou om sakke meel village toe aan te ry nie. Die villagers eet die kinders se kos (te verstane!) op, dan kom hulle verwaarloos en honger hier aan. Intussen het Betty al meer as 30-skool uniformpies vir die kinders gemaak en Michael brei nog eenstryk truië. Die twee dissipels wat hul dissipelskap by OM voltooi het, is terug in die naburige villages en dit is goed om te sien hoe ons OM-familie besig is om te groei. Zulu, een van ons kinders, is tans nog in Kabwe waar hy aangebly het om die „missions“ gedeelte van die dissipelskaponderrig ook te doen. Betty doen Woensdae vroue Bybelstudie en Vrydae-middae bied sy naaldwerkklas vir die vroue aan.

Kelvin, een van ons kinders, doen tans sy

practice at Lusu, one of our local schools at the moment and he managed to set a very high standard by obtaining a mark of 89% for his inspection the other day. Can you just imagine how proud this orphan is of this achievement!?

We also thank God for touching people's hearts so that three different donors' combined efforts in the UK put us in a position to buy a new trailer for the base. We thank Genaas from Livingstone, who was so kind to lend us his trailer for a full two years; without your trailer we would not have had a base by now.

Andre and Martie are in South Africa at the moment where Andre is recovering from a serious operation on his bigger intestine. Please pray with us for a speedy recovery so that they would be able to return to Zambia.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for Andre's speedy recovery.
- Pray against the hunger and poverty
- Pray for new disciples
- Pray for Lozi bibles (unavailable for more than 2 years now!)
- Thank God for outreach groups
- Pray for all our orphans
- We keep thanking God for ALL of you that are supporting the project in any way, and for the new trailer! – we have baptized 10 new believers this past weekend.

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa!

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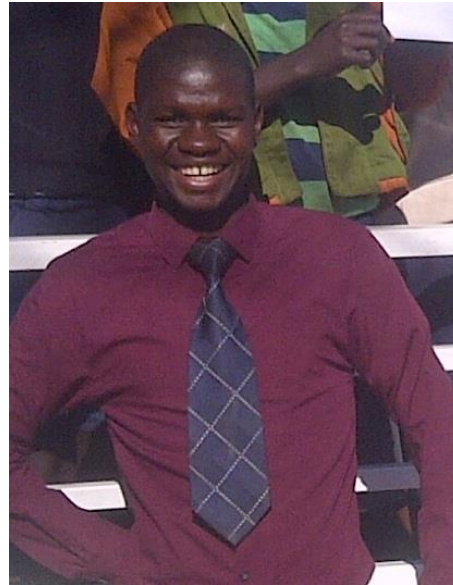
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Above: Kelvin, our boy, 2nd year student-teacher

Below: Thank you for the new trailer



onderwysproewe hier by een van ons plaaslike skooltjies, Lusu, en hy het met sy onlangse inspeksie 'n punt van 89% huis toe gebring! Julle kan nou net dink hoe trots hierdie weeskind is!

Ons is ook baie dankbaar dat God mense se harte aangeraak het en drie verskillende donors van Engeland het saam genoeg bymekaargemaak sodat ons 'n sleepwa kon aanskaf. Baie dankie aan Genaas, van Livingstone, wat sy waentjie vir ons geleen het vir 'n volle twee jaar; sonder jou wa sou daar nie 'n basis gewees het nie!

Andre en Martie is tans in SA, waar Andre 'n dringende dikdermoperasie moes ondergaan. Ons vra dat julle asseblief vir Andre in jul gebede sal opdra sodat hy spoedig sal herstel om weer hulle bediening hier op te neem.

Gebedsversoeke:

- Bid asb saam vir Andre se vinnige herstel.
- Bid ook saam vir die hongersnood.
- Bid saam vir die nuwe dissipels in die veld.
- Bid saam dat Lozi-bybels beskikbaar sal word (dit is uit druk uit vir meer as 2 jaar!)
- Sê saam dankie aan uitreikgroepe wat ook 'n verskil in ons lewens kom maak het!
- Bid saam vir al ons weeskinders.
- Ons bly ook saam dankie sê vir ALMAL wat so betrokke is by die projek, en vir die sleepwa – ons het weer die afgelope sondag 10-bekeerlinge gedoop!

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

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