

Muli Buti! (hoe gaan dit?)

Hier by ons is daar nogsteds geen teken van reën nie, en ja...die temperature is erg. Ek kan dink vir julle wat daar in Engeland sit klink dit na somervakansie, maar dit is nie! Ons is egter baie geseend en wil net nogmaals baie dankie sê aan almal wat so deel is van hierdie projek.

Projekte

Daar is goeie en slegte nuus... Byna die helfte van die hoenders het nou al uitgesterf weens 'n onbekende siekte. Die veeartsassistent reken dat die lê-hoenders nie opgewasse is teen die "village"-hoenders nie. Ons het selfs 'n dooie hoender dorp toe geneem na die plaaslike veearts om 'n post mortum te doen om agter te kom wat aangaan. Ons wag nog vir die uitslae.

Met die varke gaan dit goed. Slegs een vark het dragtig geword en hoewel die werpsel klein was, is die 5 varkies baie mooi en vet. Met die bokprogram gaan dit ook voor die wind en die eerste bokooi het 'n tweeling gehad.

Lourie en die kinders kap en plant vir 'n vale om die lande gereed te kry vir die reenseisoen. Hy leer almal van "Farming God's Way". (kyk gerus op die webblad na die nuwe fotos).

Ons het 'n paar besoekers gehad die afgelope tyd en dit was baie lekker. Hier regs is Dalene Elliot van Crocodile Creek, naby Livingstone, besig om die voorskoolse kinders te leer van insekte. Sy en Nicky het slegs een aand gebly.

Werner, 'n jong ou (26) wat oppad is Kabwe toe, noord van Lusaka, om te begin werk by die basis van O.M. (Operation Mobilisation), het gestrand geraak hier op Choma omdat daar 'n groot petroltekort in Zambia is. Hy kuier nou by ons totdat daar weer petrol beskikbaar is.



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Little Piglets



Goats

Muli Buti (How are you?)

Here in Zambia there is still no sign of rain and the temperatures are soaring around the 40's. For all our English friends it may sound like nice temperatures for a summer holiday, but I'll have you know, it is not the case! But we are really so blessed and would like to thank each and everyone for being part of this project!

Projects

There are good and bad news... nearly half of our chickens have died now because of an unknown disease. The vet-assistant seems to think that the layers, although they have had a long list of immunisations, are not used to the diseases that the village chickens get exposed to here in the rural areas. We even took a dead chicken to the vet in town to do a post mortem in order to find out. We are still waiting for the results though.

One of the pigs had 5 piglets in the mean time and they are getting bigger by the day. The goat programme is going from strength to strength with the first ewe to produce a set of twins.

Lourie and the boys are working flat out to get the fields ready for the planting season which usually starts around the middle of November after the first rains. He is also teaching them about "Farming God's Way" (see the new pictures on the web site) We had a few visitors the past week or two which we enjoyed a lot.

Dalene Rossouw and her husband Nicky from Crocodile Creek, near Livingstone, came over only for two days and on the picture she is teaching the children about insects.

Werner, is a young guy(26) from South Africa, on his way to Kabwe, north of Lusaka, who got stranded in Choma with no petrol. He is on his way to start a job at the base of O.M. (Operation Mobilisation) and will have to spent some time with us now till petrol becomes available again.

Hy het Saterdag gehelp met die kindervoeding van 120 weeskinders. Daar het nog 3 skole kom vra of hulle deel kan wees van die voedingsprogram en ons beplan om reg te maak vir sowat 200 kinders volgende Saterdag. Ons voed net die dubbele wesies op hierdie stadium.

Die babaprogram het nou aangegroei tot 35 en ons is genoodsaak om van die babas te speen van die program. Hier regs is Caroline Green, die verpleegster (tabakboere net buite Choma) wat kom hulp aanbied het en nou gereeld elke week kom help met die HIV/aids babaprogram. Die voogde/moeders word dan ook verder opgelei hoe om vir die babas te sorg en die beste dieet onder sy/haar omstandighede.

Gebedsversoeke

- † Sê saam dankie vir almal wat so naby betrokke is by die program – vir al die finansiële, morele en fisiese steun! Ons ontvang dikwels pakkies en kaartjies in die pos en sê nie altyd hoeveel dit vir ons beteken nie, om nie eens van die finansiële steun te praat nie! Dit bly God se projek en Hy ken 'n mens se hart. Ons bid julle seën toe!
- † Bid asb. saam dat ons die wesies (en ook weduwees) in nood kan identifiseer wat nou tydens hongersnood baie swaar kry. Dis nou baie droog en daar is nie eers water vir bietjie groente nie.
- † Bid saam dat die kinder swat steun ontvang sal besef dat dit hulle uit hul omstandighede kan help kom.

Lesa amoleleke (God seen u)

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Dalene teaching Preschool kids



Werner Marais helping with feeding the kids



Caroline Green – a nurse from Choma

We put him to work straight away and he was helping with the feeding of 120 orphans on Saturday. 3 More schools in the area have asked to be part of the feeding programme and we are preparing for around 200 children this coming Saturday.

The amount of babies on the baby feeding programme has grown to 35 now and we were forced to let the ones go who are progressing well. Caroline Green, from a farm near Choma, is a registered nurse, and she is helping us every week now with the HIV baby feeding programme. The care takers or mothers are taught on how to care for their babies and advice are given on the best diet for each specific case.

Prayer requests

- † Thank God for everyone involved with the project and all the financial, moral and emotional support. We do receive parcels and cards from time to time and people do not always know how much we appreciate it, not even to mention the financial support. We pray God's blessing on all of you.
- † Please pray that we would be able to reach the really needy orphans and widows especially this time of year when hunger is a big problem. It is very dry now and most people do not have access to water to waste on gardens.
- † Please pray that people would realise that we have come to help break the vicious cycle of poverty.

Lesa amoleleke (God bless you!)

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