Kanjanji Orphan Project

His heart, His hands, His little children

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Dear friends and family

It feels like just the other day that we started a new year and low and behold, Easter is already forgotten and here in Zambia the autumn leaves have started falling already but the warm weather has still not departed to the northern hemisphere.

We are now facing a time of unprecedented hunger and need! Most of the villagers in the rural areas are subsistence farmers, which means, that they and their families are totally dependent on this year's maize harvest for food and basic income for the coming year. With the insufficient amount of rain we had this past season all the maize harvests have failed completely so none of the villagers would even harvest one cob of maize this season. Most of you would know that Andre and Martie have been working tirelessly in the local community to help the villagers prepare their maize fields on the Farming God's Way method but the rain was just not coming. You know it is so ironic that just a few hundred metres away we have the almost overflowing Zambezi River but the villagers do not have any ways or means to get the water to the maize fields. Worse is the fact that in that life giving water, death also lurks, in the form of crocodiles. Four adults and one young child had been taken by crocodiles just the past month. One guy who had a lucky escape just two days ago came to show us the teeth marks on his fore arm!

Day-after-day we are now getting villagers who come to look for piece work in exchange for maize meal, which we have to buy from the milling company in Sesheke. We earnestly request that you guys would pray with us in this difficult time of hunger and need that God would provide in a miraculous way and that He would be glorified through that.

Five of the eight boys have done discipleship

An outreach last weekend in a local village

Liewe vriende en familie,

Tyd staan nie stil nie, né! Dit voel of ons maar net die ander dag die nuwe jaar binne gestap het en nou is Paasfees al iets van die verlede en hier in Zambië val die blare al maar die warm weer het nog nie aanbeweeg noorde toe nie.

Ons gaan nou 'n tyd van ongekende honger en nood binne! Die mense hier in die plattelandse bosgebiede is meerendeels selfonderhoudende boere wat totaal afhanklik is van die mielie-oes vir kos en basiese inkomste vir die volgende jaar maar met die onvoldoende reën wat ons hierdie afgelope seisoen gehad het, het al die mielie-oeste totaal misluk. Daar is nie een boer wat eens 'n enkele stronk mielies gaan oes nie! Soos julle weet, het Andre en Martie baie hard gewerk onder die plaaslike gemeenskap en elke village het lande voorberei op die Farming God's Way-manier maar die gebrek aan reën het egter veroorsaak dat die oeste nie suksesvol was nie. Dit is so ironies en baie hartseer om 'n rivier vol water te sien maar geen manier om die water by die landerye uit te kry, wat gewoonlik 'n hele ent van die rivier geleë is nie! Nog erger is die feit dat in hierdie droë tyd is mense meer as ooit afhanklik van die water in die rivier maar in die water wat lewe gee, skuil die dood terselfdertyd. Die afgelope maand is nie minder as vier mense en 'n kind deur krokodille gevang! Net gister het een wat vrygekom het sy wonde aan die arm kom wys.

Dag-vir-dag kom mense ons smeek vir stukwerk in ruil vir mieliemeel wat ook maar aangekoop moet word. Ons vra regtig dat julle ernstig saam met ons in gebed sal staan vir hierdie tyd van hongersnood, dat die Here regtig op 'n wonderbaarlike manier sal wys hoe groot Hy is!

Wat die kinders aanbetref, is dit amper tyd dat hulle huistoe kom vir die vakansie. Cholwe en William is nou amper klaar met hulle finale jaar onderwysproewe by Sesheke Hoërskool, hier naby ons. Hulle het albei 'n uitstekende

It is almost time for some of the children to come home for the holidays. Cholwe and William are now almost finished with their teachers practice at Sesheke Secondary School not too far from us. Both of them have received excellent reports from the inspector and with their 80% marks they are both at the top of their class this year. We as the parents thank God for you as the supporters who make it possible for us to be able to help these children. Kelvin, is now doing his second year of teacher studies and he is coming to do his teachers practice at the nearby Lusu Basic School.

Michael and Betty Chirwa with their two children and one orphan are coming to join us in the next few days. They would at first be accommodated in tents till we have bricks and the resources to build them more permanent accommodation. We are very excited because Betty has a women and children's ministry while Michael is going to help with maintenance around the base.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for the hunger and need.
- Please pray for Michael and Betty who are joining us.
- Please pray for the orphans on the programme.
- Please pray for our good health, malaria is always around.

We want to thank everyone who still believes in the project. It is you who make it possible for us to be obedient to God's great commission and to help children who do not have a chance in life!

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

Lourie & Gisela Ferreira
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Kelvin and Cholwe are teaching gr9's IT in the Mari - Simon Centre

William and Cholwe with the inspectors

Kelvin (holding a black mamba) will be with us for the next term

rapport van die inspekteur gekry, en met 80% is hulle twee heel boaan die lys van al die studente-onderwysers. Ons, as ouers, en julle as ondersteuners, moet saam die Here dank hiervoor! Kelvin, wat nou tweede jaar onderwys diploma doen, kom volgende termyn hier by ons plaaslike skooltjie sy prakties doen.

Michael en Betty Chirwa met hulle 2-kinders en 'n wesie kom eersdaags by ons aansluit. Hulle sal eers gedeeltelik in 'n tent tuisgaan, totdat ons fondse (en stene!) het, om vir hulle 'n huisie te bou. Ons is baie opgewonde, want Betty gaan ons baie help met die wesies en vroue-bediening, en Michael gaan vir Lourie en Andre baie van hulp wees met die bouery en Farming God's Way.

Gebedsversoeke:

- Bid asseblief saam vir die hongersnood.
- Bid ook asb vir Micael en Betty wat hier kom vestig.
- Bid asb. vir al die weeskinders op die program.
- Bid asb. vir ons gesondheid – malaria is maar 'n probleem.

Ons sê saam dankie vir julle wat bly GLO in die projek. Dis julle wat dit moontlik maak om die evangelie uit te dra EN die opdrag van God uit te voer sodat kinders se lewens aangeraak word en hulle hoop kan hê.

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

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