Dear family and friends

We are greeting you from a warm, lush and green Zambia. We are getting lots of rain at the moment and we would have late afternoon showers almost every second day which would cool the heat down a bit.

Projects and personal:

All the rains have made the dirt roads almost impassable and the numerous heavy goods vehicles are not making things any easier. So we would travel down this one particularly bad road to the village, for our weekly outreach to the widows and orphans. The orphans, cared for by very poor families, are more vulnerable and the aim is to identify and help these children with help from the headmaster. Without a uniform children are not allowed to attend school neither when they do not pay their school fees. Most of them do not even own a pair of shoes.
On our way back to our little flat we saw the thunder clouds gathering and too late did we realise that all our electrical equipment are still connected. Yes, you guessed right, most of our appliances were destroyed after lightning struck the overhead cables. Even the kettle was not spared! I suppose it would have helped if there was an earth leakage in the flat. So it is not only all the data we have lost but also photos, music and personal stuff as well. We are however so pleased there is something like web based e-mail.

Choolwe had to return from the discipleship training in Kabwe so that he and Enoch could enrol at the nursing college where the two of them want to go and do nursing. Great was their disappointment when 900 other students also turned up for only 40 available places. After two days of waiting in line they did eventually get the chance to apply but we are looking at other options as well. Choolwe has now returned to Kabwe to finish discipleship.

We are still trying to secure places at one of the local boarding schools for some of the grade 10 children from the village. Those children with good results would be accommodated first and if there are places left, those with lower marks would have a chance to get accepted.

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The flat we are renting on a farm near Choma

Cholwe and Godwin – both ophans

Liewe vriende en familie,

Ons groet hier uit 'n lekker lowergroen Zambië uit! Dis lekker warm en omtrent elke middag is hier 'n donderstorm om alles weer bietjie af te koel.

Projekte en persoonlik:

Die reën het natuurlik tot gevolg dat die grondpaaie eintlik onrybaar is. Swaargelaaide trokke op die paaie help ook nie. So vertrek ons verlede week op ons weeklikse sending village toe om voorrade vir die weduwees en wese te neem. Ons moes toe ook 'n draai maak by een van die plaaslike skooltjies om te help met uniforms en skoolskoene vir van die weeskinders uit baie arm families nie. Kinders word nie in die skool toegelaat as hulle nie 'n uniforpie het of skoolfonds kan betaal nie. Met die terug kom vanaf die village, sien ons die donderwolke is pikswart oor die area waar ons klein huisie is, maar voordat ons op die dorp kon kom, tref 'n weerligstraal die kragdrade na ons huisie en ja...reg geraai! Al die elektriese toestelle was nog gekoppel en omdat daar nie enige aardlekkasie is nie, het alles in die slag gebly. Ons het in die proses byna alles verloor wat aan elektrisiteit gekoppel was... selfs die ketel is nie gespaar nie. Dit is nie net data wat weg is nie maar ook foto's en musiek, ja, alles! Dankie tog vir webgebaseerde epos!

Intussen moes Cholwe (ons eersgeborene, soos hy na homself verwys!) terugkeer van die dissipelskapkursus af om aansoek te gaan doen by die hospitaal waar hy en Enock in Junie wil begin verpleging studeer. Groot was hulle teleurstelling toe hulle saam met 900 ander studente vir 2 dae in 'n tou moes staan, en dit net om aansoek te doen vir slegs 40 posisies! Ons is nou besig om landwyd te probeer plek kry vir die twee jongelinge. Cholwe moes toe na 'n volle week weer terug reis Kabwe toe om die dissipelskap te gaan voltooi.

Ons is tans nog steeds besig om plek te probeer vind, in kosskool, vir diegene in graad 10 wie nie plek gekry het nie. Die sisteem werk so dat diesulkes met goeie punte, eerste toelating in hoërskole kry.

We find that children in boarding school have on average much better results.

On the picture is Foster Mukonka who have walked a great distance to be accepted at one of the local schools near to us. He also wanted to know whether we would help with school fees since his mother and father have both passed away and he has nowhere to go. He comes and does his homework on our porch in the afternoons because of lack of electric power where he stays. Foster is very keen to learn and we are sure that he is going to make something of his life. Thanks for your support which allows us to reach out to orphans like Foster!

Prayer requests

- Please pray for the children doing discipleship
- Please pray for places at college for the older children
- Please pray for good health.
- We thank God for everyone's support, even the smallest contribution can change lives.

Will you please check the cover page; our charity now falls under OM UK, and those of you who are regular supporters, will get a reminder to make some small changes to the way you usually contribute. The link is easy to follow – remember to put '**3773KANJ**' in your reference. Click on the link and then click on option 2 – 'supporting a project'. Remember that every pound makes a huge difference!

http://www.uk.om.org/giving/giving-through-om.html

Thanking you all! God bless!!

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Orphans with new school clothes

Foster, one of our hard-working orphans

Die plekke wat dan oorbly nadat almal geholpe is, kan dan gebruik word vir kinders vanaf die village, of kinders wat nie regtig die standard haal nie. Ons het al baie goeie resultate met hierdie outjies behaal – as ons hulle net op kosskool kan kry!

Links sit Foster Mukonka, 'n weeskind wat baie agter ons aangeloop het om 'n plekkie in 'n naburige skool te kry. Foster kom elke middag sy huiswerk by ons op die stoep doen, omdat daar geen elektrisiteit in die village is nie. Foster is nou in graad 9, en baie hardwerkend. Sonder julle hulp sou die kind moontlik net bokke opgepas het vir die res van sy lewe.

Gebedsversoeke

- Bid asb saam vir die kinders wat dissipelskap doen
- Bid ook asb dat ons groter kinders sal plek kry in Kolleges later hierdie jaar.
- Bid asb saam vir ons gesondheid.
- Sê saam dankie vir almal se betrokkenheid by die projek – hoe klein of hoe groot –dit verander lewens!

Lees asb die dekblad – ons charity val nou onder OM UK, en dus sal die charity diegene kontak wie steeds bydraes gee om 'n klein verandering te maak tov donasies vir die kinders/projek. Kliek op die link en dan opsie 2 – 'supporting a project'. Onthou asb. om '**3773KANJ**' in die verwysing te sit. Elke pond maak 'n reuse verskil! Die link is:

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Nogmaals baie dankie en ons bid jul seen toe.

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