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Dear friends and family

The Zambezi river is at its lowest level at the moment and we cannot wait for the first rains to bring much needed relief from the drought and unbearable heat we are facing each day. The temperature goes up to forty degrees almost every day now and we are looking at the build-up of cloud with great expectation every day although in the past we even had to wait till the end of November for the rains to come.

Personal and projects:

Two young guys, Andre-Pierre Cronje and his friend, Anton Stolper, all the way from the UK, came to visit us at Kono Mulimu, for a short time. Andre-Pierre visited us with his mom some years ago but for Anton it was the first visit to Africa and the southern hemisphere. Andre-Pierre's parents, Andre and Ancia, managed to raise a substantial amount with the Mari-Simon Golf Day in the UK, which enabled us to buy a steel structure in South Africa which is going to serve as a roof for the new building. We are also going to name the building very fittingly, the Mari-Simon Conference Hall. (see also Kanjanji Orphan Project on Facebook)
We are still moulding bricks for the new building and two of our children, Kelvin and Mordie are also doing their fare share. Pierrie and Anton did their share of manual labour and were paying a price for their hard work with very sore muscles and blisters on the hands after the first few days but that did not keep them from helping with the loading of sand and mixing of cement every day. Like all the other children, they had to do kitchen duty as well as learning how to prepare maize on an open fire outside. They also took part in outreaches to the local schools and played football and volley ball with the younger ones while teaching the older ones to play rugby.
These two boys made such an impression on us and everyone around and it just feels like the time went

Boys posing for a photo

Pierrie and Anton giving a lesson

Liewe vriende en familie,

Die Zambezirivier is nou op sy laagste vlak en ons kannie wag dat die reëns kom nie want dit is baie dor en droog; om nie eens van die versengende hitte te praat nie. Daar is min dae dat die temperatuur nie by 40 grade draai nie!! Ons kyk elke dag met groot verwagting na die wolke en verwag elke dag dat daar gaan uitkomste kom... maar helaas... sommige jare wag ons tot die einde van November voordat die seisoen se reëns hul opwagting maak.

Persoonlik en projekte:

Twee jong manne, Andre-Pierre Cronje en sy vriend Anton Stolper, al die pad van Engeland, kuier op die oomblik by ons op Kono Mulimu. Andre-Pierre was al voorheen by ons in Zambië maar vir Anton was dit die eerste keer in Afrika en die suidelike halfrond. Andre-Pierre se ouers, Andre en Ancia Cronje, van die VK, het verlede maand met die Mari-Simon gholfdag vir Kanjanji 'n aardige bedrag ingesamel en dit het ons in staat gestel om 'n staalstruktuur in Suid Afrika aan te koop wat as dak gaan dien vir die nuwe gebou wat ons die Mari-Simon-gebou gaan noem. (sien asb. Kanjanji Orphan Project op Facebook) Ons is nog steeds druk besig om stene te maak vir die bouery en twee van ons kinders Kelvin en Mordie, help ook met die maak van die stene. Pierrie en Anton het gladnie teruggestaan nie en het hulle selfs nie laat briek deur die eerste paar dae se lyfseer en blase op die hande nie. Hulle het volstoom gewerk en het gehelp met sand laai, sement meng, en het selfs deelgeneem aan die kombuis-rota wat o.a. mieliepapmaak op die oop vuur buite ingesluit het. Hulle het ook deelgeneem aan 'n uitreik by die plaaslike skooltjies en saam met die kinders voetbal en vlugbal bal gespeel en selfs die groter seuns leer rugby speel!
Die twee seuns het diep in ons harte ingekruip en dit voel asof die tyd wat hulle hier spandeer het glad te kort was maar ons weet God het 'n besonderse plan daarmee gehad en elkeen van ons se harte en lewens is

way too quickly but we also know and belief that God had an amazing plan with that and it touched our hearts and lives in a big way.

In the meantime we also had to rush back to South Africa to get a few mechanical problems sorted with the vehicle. We had such a blessed time although the problems took much longer to fix than anticipated, not to mention the cost!
Lourie could also go with Tobie and Willie from the Wellknown Christian Centre in Pretoria to inspect the steel structure for the new building outside the town of Senekal. This congregation also supplied a lorry to move the structure to Pretoria where it will be assembled and checked for any short comings.
We are so thankful for everyone's contribution and hard work and we stand amazed at God's unmerited favour for us and the way God is putting so many different people in place to work together to benefit His Kingdom and bring Him the glory.

Prayer requests:

Thank God for everything that is falling into place and for everyone's contribution.
Please pray for Vincent and his family who lost two young sons to malaria in six months.
Please pray for the grade-12 children writing end of year exams.
Please pray for God to send a builder and a youth worker.
Thank God for good health!!

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

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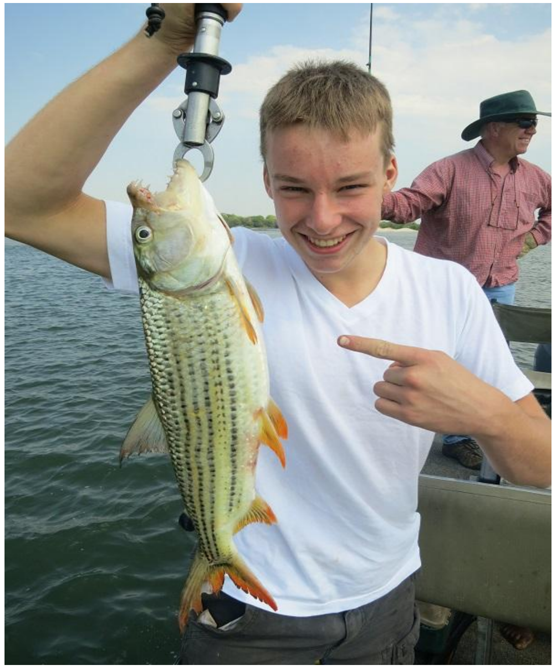
Outreach to school with Sutton Valance uniforms

Anton and his first tiger fish!



daardeur aangeraak.

Intussen moes ons ook weer terug Suid Afrika toe om dringend nuwe bande te kry en 'n paar probleme met die bakkie uit te sorteer. Ons het 'n baie geseënde tyd gehad al het die bakkie se dienste langer geneem en baie meer gekos as wat ons verwag het!
Lourie kon toe ook saam met Tobie en Willie van Wellknown Christian Centre in Pretoria na die staalstruktuur vir die nuwe gebou buite Senekal gaan kyk. Intussen het 'n weldoener van Tobie-hulle se kerk sy vragmotor beskikbaar gestel om die struktuur Pretoria toe te vervoer sodat hulle dit aanmekaar kan sit en byvoeg wat tekort skiet.
Ons is so dankbaar vir almal se harde werk en betrokkenheid en hoe God mense op mekaar se pad plaas ter wille van Sy Koningkryk ...ons kan net vir God dankie sê vir al die onverdiende guns!!
Dit IS en bly Sy projek!!

Gebedsversoeke:

Sê saam dankie vir alles wat so in plek val en vir die betrokkenheid van mense!
Bid asb. saam vir Vincent en sy gesin wat in ses maande twee kinders aan die dood afgestaan het deur malaria.
Bid asb. saam vir al die graad12's wat besig is met eindeksamens. (4 van ons kinders skryf gr12)
Bid asb. saam vir 'n bouer en jeugwerker.
Sê saam dankie vir goeie gesondheid.

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

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