

Dear friends and family!

We have just celebrated our fifth year in the mission field out in Africa and what a journey it had been!! It feels like just yesterday we left the comfort of England for Zambia for what we thought would only be for a short time before we would have a sabbatical in South Africa. Little did we know at the time that a sabbatical was not what God have in mind for us but we have come to realise more and more how much He loves you and I and that He has an amazing plan for our lives, possibly very different from what you and I might expect, and if there is a calling on your life, there would also be provision like He provided for us during difficult times these last five years.

Projects and personal

As we mentioned in the previous newsletter we have now moved into our new dwelling at Kono Mulimu (meaning "for God") These last two weeks we had a visit from two outreach groups from South Africa and it was so great to have all these extra hands and to experience the love from brothers and sisters in Jesus. The first group consisted of Tobie and Maryna, pastor Murray Kirsten and Willie v Rensburg from the Wellknown Christian Church from the eastern suburbs of Pretoria. The second group all the way from Naboomspruit, consisted of Pieter and Joey, Frikkie and Christine, Gustav and Alida, Alex and Lynette, who blessed us with so many helpful things. Guys, it was so nice to have you and to get to know you all. Willie also laid some power cables in the house and Gustav helped put in a new floor for the kitchen. Many thanks again for everyone's contribution! A SPECIAL thanks also to Lood Welgemoed and Anushka for the beautiful architect plans for Kono!

On the picture on the right we are having a meal together with the senior induna and indunas at a nearby village. The kapenta (small dried fish) was a totally unfamiliar experience to some as well as having their meal the Zambian way, without utensils.

The pictures show Alida teaching at the local school and Frikkie and Christine with the orphans who sponsored new



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A village meal at our local headman's village



Alida giving a lecture on occupations

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Liewe vriende en familie!

Ons het so-pas ons vyfde jaar in die sendingveld gevier, en wat 'n reis was dit nie!! Dit voel soos gister dat ons ons goedjies in Engeland opgepak het om vir 'n "paar maande" Zambië toe te kom en ons sou daarna 'n sabbatsjaar in SA spandeer. Min het ons geweet dat God nie 'n sabbatsjaar vir die twee van ons in gedagte gehad het nie maar 'n plan wat totaal buite ons gemaksone was en ons kan net getuig hoe getrou en wonderlik ons Hemelse Vader is en hoe baie groot sy liefde is en hoe Hy voorsien het in moeilike omstandighede die afgelope vyf jaar.

Projekte en persoonlik

Soos ons in die laaste nuusbrieff genoem het het ons nou nes geskrop in ons nuwe tuiste hier op Kono Mulimu (wat beteken: "Vir God"). Sommer met die intrapslag het TWEE uitreikgroepe op dieselfde tyd kom besoek aflê en dit was wonderlik om soveel helpende hande te kon hê en ook soveel liefde te kon ervaar van boeties en sussies in Jesus! Die twee groepe het ons toegereën met van die wonderlikste dinge...te veel eers om op te noem! Eerstens het Tobie en Maryna Vente opgedaag met pastoor Murray en oom Willie, almal van die Wellknown Christian Church in die ooste van Pretoria af. Die tweede groep van Naboomspruit, Frikkie en Christine, Gustav en Alida, Alex en Lynette, het die volgende dag opgedaag onder leiding van Pieter en Joey Labuschagne. Hoe kan ons ooit vir julle dankie sê! Oom Willie het vir ons huisie kragkabels aangelê en Gustav het 'n nuwe kombuisvloer gelê! Baie dankie aan almal wat 'n bydrae gelewer het! Ook 'n baie spesiale dankie aan Lood Welgemoed en Anushka vir die wonderlike argitek-tekeninge vir die nuwe Kono!

Links is ons almal by die "village restaurant" vir 'n ete saam met die senior induna en van sy hoofmanne. Die groep moes die ete natuurlik sonder mes of vurk, met die kaal hande aandurf en die kapenta (klein droë vissies) was natuurlik 'n vreemde smakie vir almal.

Links is Alida, Gustav se vrou besig om 'n les by die plaaslike skooltjie aan te bied en onder is Christine en

T-shirts. Pastor Murray as well as Tobie and Maryna were ministering to all of us during our time together and how badly we were all in need of that! Tobie and Maryna stayed a few days longer and Tobie and some helpers started the foundations for the new building.

We also want to thank everyone who could not be here but who contributed in whichever way. We know that God would germinate the seeds you sowed and that the harvest is going to be awesome!!

Prayer requests:

- † We thank God for everyone who spent the time and money to come to Zambia, also all of you back home for moral and financial support!
- † We thank God for blessing us through you all and that He would bless you far above what you could think or ask.
- † We thank God for everyone praying for us; without prayer, this would not be possible.
- † Please pray for our work under the Lozi's –especially for young Benjamin.
- † Please pray for each child on the programme, God gave them to us so that we would make disciples as He commands in the bible.
- † Please pray for our orphan-kids who are all busy with exams and would soon be coming "home"

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Blessings from Africa!

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Maryna and Tobie Vente with the 2nd Tiger!



The new BIG generator!



Christine and Frikkie sponsored T-shirts for orphans



Frikkie by die weeskinders wat T-hempies ontvang het. Pastoor Murray en ook Tobie en Maryna het ons geestelik bedien en dit was regtig 'n wonderlike tyd saam maar het so vining verby gevlieg! Gelukkig het Tobie en Maryna vir nog 'n paar dae langer gebly en Tobie en helpers het die fondasies vir die nuwe gebou gegooi. Links is Tobie met sy spannetjie werkers.

Baie dankie aan julle almal en ook die mense wat gesaai het, en nie self hier kon wees nie. Ons vertrou dat die saad op vrugbare grond val en dat die oes asemrowend gaan wees!

Gebedsversoeke:

- † Ons sê dankie aan ons Vader vir elkeen van julle wat die tyd en geld bestee het om te kom help en uitreik en ook almal van julle wat nie kan kom, maar moreel en finansiële ondersteun.
- † Ons dank God ook vir julle wat sulke wonderlike blessings op ons kom uitstort het en vra dat Hy elkeen sal seën, ver meer as wat julle ooit gehoop of verwag het!
- † Ons sê ook dankie vir elkeen van julle wat ons in jul gebede hou – gebed is vir ons baie noodsaaklik.
- † Bid asb. saam vir die werk wat ons doen hier onder die Lozi stam – bid spesifiek vir Benjamin.
- † Bid asseblief vir elke kind op ons program –ons weet God gee hulle aan ons vir 'n rede – dat ons dissipels van hulle sal maak, soos die Woord ons dring.
- † Bid asb. saam vir al ons kinder swat eksamen skryf en eersdaags weer hier gaan opdaag vir vakansie –ons vertrou die Here vir matrasse vir hulle!

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