Dear friends and family

Hello to you all from the greener than green western Province of Zambia and we wish you all a blessed and happy 2014!

Projects and personal

After what felt like ages the heavens have opened and for some days we thought it would not stop raining again so much so that Lourie and the boys had to quickly erect a shelter so that at least the open fire as well as the boys would stay dry while cooking our meals.

We had ten of our older boys over for the holidays and together with Benjamin and the new missionary, Kauya Mali, it almost felt like we had the twelve disciples with us. Kauya has recently joined us at Kono Mulimo to gain practical experience in missions for a whole year and we are so excited about his sports ministry amongst the many young people around.

With all the children visiting us our local church has experienced a month of unexpected increase in number so much so that the little church building is almost too small now. Kelvin and Cholwe did the preaching and interpretation respectively while Modcay and Zulu managed to get a second hand keyboard going again and with that they led the most beautiful worship in the church. It was not as easy and straight forward as that because it took some careful planning with a car battery, invertor and solar panel since we do not have the luxury of mains power. All the other boys joined the choir which was a great hit with the congregation. Young Foster has been in charge of the children's ministry and week-after-week we are seeing more children attending.

Through the local church we have become aware of four little orphans, a girl of 11-years and her three smaller brothers, who are being cared for by their very incapable old grandmother out in the bush. Needless to say the grandmother does not have the ways and means to care for

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Happy new year!

Rain suits for the pouring rain!

Liewe vriende en familie.

Ons groet julle hier uit 'n lowergroen Zambië en wens julle almal 'n baie geseënde en voorspoedige 2014 toe!

Projekte en persoonlik

Na die lang wag vir reën het die hemele skielik oopgegaan en ons het byna elke dag reën gehad en sommige dae het dit nooit gestop nie, met die gevolg dat Lourie en die seuns vinnig vir ons 'n afdak moes bou om die kosmaakvuurtjie en die kokke droog te hou.

Ons het tien van ons ouer kinders vir die vakansie by ons gehad en tesame met Benjamin en die nuwe sendeling Kauya Mali, het dit kompleet gevoel asof ons die twaalf dissipels by ons het. Kauya het nou by ons aangesluit om sy twaalf maande sendingprakties by ons te doen en hy voel God roep hom om met sport die goeie nuus van Jesus onder die jeug uit te dra en ons is baie opgewonde omdat ons God gevra het vir 'n jeugwerker.

Met al die kinders tuis het die plaaslike kerkie 'n ongekende oplewing beleef en die kerkie is nou al amper te klein vir die nuwe aankomelinge. Kelvin en Cholwe het onderskeidelik gepreek en getolk terwyl Modcay en Zulu 'n klawerbord wat nog saam met die krat uit Engeland aangekom het aan die gang gekry en die mooiste aanbiddingsliedere opgetower. Dit gaan egter gepaard met groot beplanning want 'n karbattery, 'n „inverter" en sonpaneel moet saam gekarwei word. Al die ander seuns het natuurlik in die koorsang gedeel en dit is 'n groot treffer onder die kertkgangers. Jong Foster het die kinderbediening sterk op die been gebring, en Sondag-vir-Sondag is daar meer en meer kinders by die kerkie!

Deur die plaaslike kerkie het ons bewus geword van vier weeskinders, 'n meisietjie van elf en haar drie jonger boeties, wat in haglike omstandighede saam met hulle baie bejaarde ouma in die bos bly. Nodeloos om te sê, die ouma kan nie voorsien nie en daar is geen geld nie so ook geen geld vir skool nie en die enigste kombersie waaronder hulle

them and no money for food, let alone sending them to school. The one blanket which these children are sharing belonged to the father before he passed away and the only cover they have is some plastic sheeting and an old mosquito net and maize bags serving as a matrass. The children are on the right. The church has now undertaken the task of building a more secure shelter and we would see to it that these children get some education.

The building works have come to a grinding halt because of the heavy rains but the good news is that pastors Tobie and Maryna Vente from the Wellknown Christian Centre in Pretoria are expected to arrive by the end of January to help with the construction of the main building.

Prayer requests

- We thank God for the expansion of the local church and the growing children's ministry.
- We thank God for sending us a youth worker in the person of Kauya.
- We pray for all the children returning to school and college.
- Please pray for Godly wisdom in helping the orphan siblings who have to fend for themselves.
- We thank God for all your support and for your prayers without which we would not be able to do this.

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

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14 children came home for holidays!

Kauya Mali joined us for childrens ministry!

vier slaap is die kombers wat die ou pa gebruik het voor sy dood. Hul slaap onder 'n skerm wat 'n weldoener vir hulle leen en slegs 'n muskietnet en meelsakke as 'n matras. Links is die verslete kindertjies. Die kerk het nou onderneem om Dinsdag in samewerking met ons kinders te begin om 'n beter struktuur te bou sodat die wesies meer beskut sal wees teen die elemente. Ons sal ook sorg dat die kindertjies by die plaaslike skooltjie kan uitkom.

Met die bouery gaan dit nou redelik stadig omdat die rëens die steenmakery erg in die wiele gery het maar die goeie nuus is dat pastore Tobie en Maryna Vente van die Wellknown Christian Church in Pretoria vanaf Februarie by ons sal aansluit om die hoofgebou 'n hupstoot te gee.

Gebedsversoeke

- Ons sê saam dankie vir die uitbreiding van die plaaslike kerkie en die groei van die kinderbediening.
- Ons sê ook dankie dat God vir ons hulp stuur vir die projek en ook vir Kauya vir die kinder/jeugbediening.
- Ons bid saam vir al die kinders wat terug skool en kollege toe gaan.
- Bid saam vir die wesies wat vir hulself moet sorg.
- Ons sê saam dankie vir julle wonderlike ondersteuning en veral gebede waarsonder die projek nie kan bestaan nie.

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

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