Kanjanji Children's Village

His heart, His hands, His little children

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Hallo to you all!

The seasons are changing again and there is already a chill in the air in Zambia. It is still quite hot during the day but we have taken out the duvet already. There is always a great need for blankets and jerseys (jumpers) so please remember the orphans at Kanjanji if you have a few extra pennies. The picture shows a few happy children with shirts which had been donated.

Personal and projects:

We had a few changes in our lives again the past few days. The Word of Life Church, which supplied our work permits the past three years, have decided to pursue their original vision of having an orphanage on the premises, while we kept saying that we would rather support 200 orphans out in the village. We do not understand how you could justify an orphanage for around 20 orphans, when the need out in the village is so great. Our policy is to invest in the lives of children rather than spending money on expensive buildings, staff and administration costs. Much time was spent on discussions to plan a parallel working agreement. The idea was to continue with all our programmes and projects while the church is building their orphanage with their own funds. Because the piece of land is owned by Word of Life Church, we thought it best to relocate to a small flat on the outskirts of Choma from where we would continue with our projects and programmes at Kanjanji as usual.

These children have become such an integral part of our lives now that there is just no way we could abandon them. We shall keep on supporting them till they could fend for themselves. Two of our daughters are now in their final years in nursing- and teachers college. How can you ever stop supporting them? We know God will provide through people, He always does! Some of the children find it hard to understand all the changes and their text messages are heart breaking. On the picture is Coaster and Gift, very happy in their new room.

Children with donated clothes

Choir with new uniform

Hello almal!

Hier in Zambië het die koue nogal vinnig gekom! Dit is nog lekker warm gedurende die dag (party dae so 30 grade!), maar die nagte is al heel koud en ons slaap al onder 'n lekker, dik duvet! Daar is 'n groot behoefte vir komberse en truie, so onthou ons wesies asseblief as julle 'n paar sente te spaar het vir ietsie warms. Links het ons 'n paar langmouhempies uitgedeel wat geskenk is.

Persoonlik en projekte:

Die afgelope paar dae het daar weer 'n paar veranderinkies in ons lewens gekom. Die Word of Life Kerk wat ons werkspermitte voorsien het die afgelope drie jaar, het besluit dat hulle wil voortgaan met hulle aanvanklike visie van 'n weeshuis op die perseel. Ons het voet by stuk gehou dat ons eerder sal voortgaan om 200 kinders in hulle villages in die gemeenskap te ondersteun as om net 20 kinders in 'n weeshuis te plaas. Ons voel nog steeds dat ons eerder geld in kinders se lewens wil belê as om geld te spandeer op geboue, personeel en administrasiekoste. Die model van 'n volwaardige weeshuis word ook nie deur die regering ondersteun nie. Baie samesprekings het gevolg om 'n paralelle samewerkingsooreenkoms daar te stel. Die hoop was dat ons sou voortgaan met al ons projekte om die kinders te help terwyl Word of Life Kerk, met hulle eie fondse, hulle weeshuis bou, maar dit het geen vrugte afgewerp nie. Omrede die stuk grond aan Word of Life Kerk behoort het ons met die Here se leiding besluit om 'n woonstelletjie aan die buitewyke van Choma te huur, vanwaar ons in oorleg met Word of Life Kerk gaan voortgaan met al die programme en projekte soos voorheen.

Hierdie kinders het nou so onlosmaaklik deel geword van ons lewens dat ons alles in ons vermoë gaan doen om hulle aan te hou ondersteun totdat hulle op hulle eie bene kan staan. Twee van ons dogters is nou al in hulle finale jaar in verpleegsterkollege en onderwyskollege. Hoe sê ons vir so 'n kind daar is nie meer fondse nie?

Some of the children do not have any place to stay so they have to cycle 40km each day just to get to school. We are renting two rooms on the outskirts of Choma now for the orphans attending high school in town. The conditions are very basic though with an outside toilet but at least they have electric power now included in the rent so they could study by electric light. On the picture is Monique Terblanche, from the UK, who had a wonderful time with us.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for continued support for these children.
- Please pray for the way forward.
- Thank our God for everyone"s support for the orphans of Kanjanji – it gave hope to children without any!

Visit our website: www.kankanji.com for photos and more information.

Please remember the UK Charity event on the 21st of October 2011. Details on our website.

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

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Coster and Gift in their "new house!"

Cholwe and Monique in his "new house"

Ons weet die Here sal voorsien en Hy gebruik mense daarvoor, Hy het nog altyd! Sommige kinders verstaan egter nie al die nuwe veranderinge nie en die sms boodskappe is hartverskeurend. Links is Coaster en Gift, baie trots in hul nuwe kamer. Omrede die hoërskole net in die dorp is, moet ons woonplek vind vir diegene wat geen heenkome het nie. Ons huur nou vir ons kinders kamers in die "Compound" (woonbuurt), sodat hulle nie elke dag 'n totaal van 40km hoef te trap om by die skool te kom nie. Geriewe is maar baie basies, met 'n buitetoilet, maar hulle kan darem by elektriese lig studeer. Links is Monique Terblanche, al die pad van Engeland, wat 'n wonderlike tyd saam met ons spandeer het.

Gebedsversoeke:

- Bid asb. vir volgehoue ondersteuning vir diè kinders.
- Bid asb. saam vir die toekomsbeplanning.
- Sê saam dankie aan God vir almal se ondersteuning aan die weeskinders van die Kanjanji projek– dit het hoop gegee waar daar geen hoop was nie.

Besoek gerus ons webwerf: www.kanjanji.com vir fotos en meer inligting.

Onthou asseblief die VK liefdadigheids geleentheid op die 21ste Oktober 2011. Meer inligting op ons web werf.

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

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