

Hi to you all

It is fairly cold in Zambia at the moment and we hope that you have better weather elsewhere. We had to leave for South Africa on very short notice, a week ago, because of trouble with the suspension and steering mechanism of our vehicle. We could have done the repair work in Lusaka but it takes ages to get the spare parts ordered from South Africa, and not to mention the costs involved.

### Projects and personal:

We attended a "silent retreat" in Livingstone a weekend ago, led by Breggie Smook all the way from Nelspruit, South Africa. The idea is not to have any distractions for a whole day and just to be quiet and to focus on God. It was really nice but the difficult part was to be around people and not to have any conversation and it is surprising how quickly a group of people can finish a meal together without any conversation. The theme of the conference was "forgiveness" and what an experience that was! (picture)

Three of our children arrived back safely in Choma after they have attended a 2-month discipleship training in Kabwe, Zambia. Enock, one of the boys, is starting his diploma in nursing at the Livingstone School of Nursing in a week and the others are doing a six month computer training course while we are trusting God to supply the funds for attending college. On the picture Lourie is extracting a painful tooth for one of our boys. Although we do not live on the premises of "Word of Life Church" any more we are still very much involved in the lives of the orphans especially the older ones who we are accommodating in Choma. We do visit them very often and we take groceries and maize meal to them at least once a week. Coaster (one of our grade-12 boys) had a serious bout of malaria quite recently and despite my best efforts with anti-malaria medication, he was very poorly for two weeks.



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*One of the stations of the Cross*



*Lourie extracting teeth*

Hi almal!

Dit is rededelik koud in Zambië op die oomblik en ons hoop julle het elders darem lekker weer! Ons moes dringend Suid Afrika toe vertrek omdat ons bakkie se suspensie en stuurstelsel begin probleme gee het. Die herstelwerk sou wel in Lusaka gedoen kon word maar dit sou 'n tyd duur om die onderedele uit Suid Afrika te bestel en om nie eens van die herstelkoste te praat nie.

### Projekte en persoonlik:

Ons het verlede naweek 'n "silent retreat" bygewoon, wat deur Breggie Smook, al die pad van Nelspruit gelei is. Die idee is om stil te raak en net op God te fokus vir 'n volle dag. Dit was 'n belewenis om vir 'n hele volle dag geen woord te mag praat nie! Ja, nogal moeilik ook, veral met die etes. Julle sal nie glo hoe vining 'n ete afgehandel word, as jy nie mag kommunikeer nie. Die tema was "vergifnis", en dit was werklik 'n belewenis. Links is ek en Lourie by die laaste "stasie" van die naweek.

Terug in Choma, het ons 3 kinders wat verlede jaar Gr12 voltooi het, tuisgekom nadat hulle die 2 maande van OM dissipelskap voltooi het. Hulle woon ook nou tydelik saam met van die ander kinders in die huurhuusies in Choma. Enock begin volgende week met sy diploma in verpleging by die Livingstone School of Nursing. Van die ander doen rekenaaropleiding wat strek oor 6-maande terwyl ons die Here vertrou vir befondsing vir kollege. Links is Lourie besig om een van die kinders se pynlike tand te verwyder, somer by hul huisie in die kampong. Hoewel ons nou nie meer op die "Word of Life Orphanage" se grond bly nie, is ons nog baie betrokke by die kinders, en veral by die groter kinders wat ons in Choma huisves. Ons besoek hulle dikwels en neem ook eenmaal per week vir hulle kosvoorrade en mieliemeel, asook medisyne. Coaster (een van ons gr.12 kinders) het baie erge malaria gehad, en niteenstaande behandeling, moes hy vir 2 weke tuisbly.

We also took some clothes and maize meal to Cholwe's village (picture) where they have a number of other orphans as well. Cholwe is one of our boys and he is also a double orphan (when both parents have passed away in Zambia, they refer to the child as a double orphan) and likes to refer to himself as our "first born child".

#### Prayer requests:

- † Please pray for the children under our care; they are writing exams now.
- † Please pray for a safe drive back to Zambia.
- † Please pray for the completion of discussions with Word of Life Church.
- † We thank God for your constant prayers and contributions. You are making a difference in the lives of many children!

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

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*Cholwe's family*



*New clothes for an orphan*

Ek en Lourie het elke dag gaan kyk hoe dit gaan en ook kos geneem. Links is ons by Cholwe se familie by hulle village. Hy is 'n dubbele weeskind; in Zambië beteken dit albei sy ouers is oorlede (hy verwys dikwels na homself as ons "eersgeborene") Sy oupa lewe nog, en ons het vir hulle gaan mieliemeel en ou kleertjies aflaai vir die ander weeskinders in die village.

#### Gebedsversoeke:

- † Bid asb saam vir die kinders onder ons sorg- almal skryf nou eksamens.
- † Bid ook asb. vir ons veilige reis terug na Zambië.
- † Bid ook saam vir die afhandeling en sameprekings met die Word of Life Kerk en ook vir die toekomsbeplanning saam met OM
- † Baie dankie vir julle volgehoue gebede en ondersteuning wat so 'n verskil maak!

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

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