

Kamwamba! (Hallo!)

Dit was 'n vol en lekker afgelope 2 weke! Die groep van twaalf Amerikaners van YWAM (Youth with a Mission) was 'n bedrywige groep en Capie moes hulle besig hou terwyl ek en Lourie Chongoni (naby Nkoma, Malawi) toe gerits het vir 'n sendingkonferensie. Dit was vir ons 'n lekker breek met 'n wonderlike klomp mense. Ons batterye is gelaai en ons het nuwe vriendskapsbande gesmee met sendingwerkers in naburige lande soos Malawi, Mosambiek en Zimbabwe (sien foto regs). Ons het ook by Felix aangegaan in Blantyre. (Julle sal onthou dat hy die ou is wat van Blantyre tot in die Kaap met sy fiets gery het vir 'n fondsinsameling vir sy weeshuis vir straatkinders in Blantyre).

Projekte en persoonlik

Soos ek gesê het, die Amerikaners was 'n besige groep mense en hulle het soveel hande arbeid gedoen dat my en Lourie se monde oopgehang het van verbasing! Capie het die vuurdoop deurstaan en het van die pap vir die babavoeding tot die bredie vir die 150 weeskinders op Saterdag (wat minstens 2 dae neem om te maak!) sonder moeite hanteer. Ek moet sê die meisies het darem hand bygesit met die soetkoekies wat vir die kleuterskool en die winkel gebak word.

Capie het intussen 5 rekenaars opgestel en is nou bykans voltyds besig om kinders (veral graad 8, 9 en 10s) sowel as volwassenes opleiding te gee. Julle kan jul voorstel hoe populêr die affêre is! (Sien foto regs.)

Die skole begin hierdie week en Mike en Susan, die voorskoolse onderwysers, het 8 kinders geïdentifiseer om ekstra klasse te gee om hulle sodoende voor te berei om hierdie termyn met skool te begin. Dit is weeskinders wat skoolgereed is, maar die voogde het nie geld om dié kinders sowel as hul eie, skool toe te stuur nie. Ekstra fondse van julle af maak dit nou moontlik om hulle sowel as groter kinders (wesies) ook te help. Mike het 'n program in die vakansie gehad waar die groter kinders ons gehelp het om mielies te oes in ruil vir skoolfondse. Daar was 13 van



Vriende by die sendingkonferensie in Malawi
Friends at the missions conference in Malawi



Capie besig met rekenaaroopleiding
Capie busy with computer classes

Kamwamba! (Hallo to you all!)

What a busy fortnight this was! We had a group of twelve Americans from YWAM (Youth with a Mission) over and Capie had to keep them occupied while Lourie and I were attending a missions conference near Nkoma Mission Hospital in Malawi. We had such a wonderful time and made friends with missionaries from neighbouring countries like Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe (see picture left). We also went to say hello to our friend, Felix Starker, in Blantyre. (He is the guy runs an orphanage for street kids, who we met on the road from Blantyre to Cape Town doing one of his bicycle trips for fund raising.)

Projects and personal

We were pleasantly surprised to see how much work was done by the Americans while we were away! Capie managed everyone and everything – from the baby feeding programme to cooking the stew (which usually takes two days to prepare!) for 150 orphans on Saturdays – rather well. Some of the girls helped to bake cupcakes for the pre-school and shop.

Capie has also started computer classes for some of the children (concentrating more on the grade 8, 9 and 10s) and adults. You can just imagine how popular these classes (picture left) are!

Children are back to school this week and the two preschool teachers, Mike and Susan, have identified 8 children, who they are spending more time with, to get them ready for school. These are all orphans from homes, which cannot afford either the school fees or the school uniforms. Donations from you are making it possible for us to start supporting these children, by paying their school fees and buying their school uniforms. We do these ourselves, so money is never handed over to children or guardians at all. Mike was running a programme during the school holidays where some of the older children were helping with different

hierdie jongmense op die program. Ons het Sondag een van die weeskinders wat deur Kanjanji geborg word, na Macha Mission Girl's High geneem. Hier staan ek en Ellen gereed vir die tog. Ons neem self verantwoordelikheid vir die kinders en vereis dat die rapport en vorderingsverslae direk na ons toe gestuur word, waarvolgens ons kan evalueer of die kind se voeding na wense is. Ons moes dus Macha toe reis saam met Ellen, omdat ons self die skoolfonds moes betaal en die skoolhoof in persoon wou ontmoet. Die rit was 170km op rowwe Afrika grondpad. Ek en Lourie moet dus hierdie week nog 12 van die ander groter weeskinders by hulle onderskeie skole gaan aflaai. Die jonger kinders gaan na ons plaaslike skole toe wat net tot graad 9 is.



Ellen en ek gereed vir die tog na haar skool
Ellen and I, ready for the trip to her school

Gebedsversoeke

- † Bid asseblief saam vir Lourie se pa wat 3 weke gelede 'n hartaanval gehad het. Hy is weens erge pyn in die hospitaal opgeneem, waar hulle uitgevind het hy moet 'n hartomleidingsoperasie asook 'n heupvervanging kry. Daar kan egter nie op die oomblik voortgegaan word met die operasies nie omdat hy nou longontsteking onder lede het.
- † Sê saam dankie vir almal wat dit moontlik maak om al die wesies 'n kans te gee in die lewe!
- † Bid saam vir die 70 wesies wat nou vir die eerste keer 'n uniformie gaan kry en ook die 13 ouer weeskinders wat opgewonde is dat hulle befonds word om iets te bereik.

Nogmaals dankie en groete aan julle almal.

Baie sien vir julle!

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Die Amerikaners van YWAM
The Americans from YWAM



Lourie, Gisela & Capie

chores like bringing in the maize harvest for example. There were 13 children on this programme and we took one of the girls, sponsored by Kanjanji, to the Macha Mission High School for girls. The picture on the left shows Ellen and I, ready for the long trip to her school. We take personal responsibility for these children and we request the different schools to send progress reports directly to us, so that we can evaluate the child's progress. In Ellen's case we had to drive the 170km round trip, on African dirt roads, to get her to school to pay the school fees and to meet the headteacher in person. We still have to do the same for the other 12 orphans, but fortunately their schools are much closer to Kanjanji.

Prayer requests

- † Please pray for Lourie's dad (age 76) who had a heart attack 3 weeks ago while he is waiting for a hip replacement. They cannot proceed with either the hip replacement or the heart bypass because of pneumonia.
- † Thank God for everyone who is making it possible for us to reach out to so many orphans – it will make an eternal difference!
- † Pray for the 70 orphans who are going to get uniforms for the first time and the older ones who now have the funds to go to school. We are just as excited as they are!

Many thanks to each and every one.

Blessings to you all!

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