

Kamwamba! (Hello!)

Die jaar vorder alweer vinnig, né! Ons is nou alreeds in Februarie en dit was altyd vir my en Lourie 'n lekker tyd van die jaar in Engeland. Die ergste koue is dan gewoonlik verby en daar is die belofte van 'n nuwe seisoen as die dae sigbaar langer word en die natuur wag om te ontluik uit sy winterslaap. Wel, hier in Afrika, is die somer aan die verbygaan en herfs is om die draai.

Nou in Februarie is die honger al erg, want die mielies op die lande is nog te jonk om te eet en die oes word eers aan die einde van April ingesamel. Die vorige jaar se mielie-oes in die 'villages' is nou ook al aan die opraak of is alreeds uitgeput wat beteken dat die honger net al erger gaan word.

### Projekte en persoonlik

Ons het tot so 'n maand gelede nog sowat sewentig sakke mielies in die stoor gehad wat ons aan die hongeres in die omgewing uitdeel het, maar dié is nou vinnig aan die opraak en gaan nie hou tot die volgende oes ingebring word nie. O, die alewige nood en honger wat daarmee saamgaan!

Mense sê so maklik dat Afrika vir sy eie probleme te blameer is, dat daar nog altyd honger en armoede was en dat dit nooit sal verander nie. Dit mag wel waar wees, maar dit is die situasie en wat doen ons daaromtrent? Wat sou Jesus gedoen het? Die bouse kringloop van armoede word nie gebreek nie en diegene wat die meeste daaronder ly is die kinders wat wees gelaat is deur daai vreeslike HIV siekte asook die hulpelose weduwees. Sit ons soms 'n oomblik en wonder hoe geseënd en bevoorreg ons is in die westerse wêreld?

Al die kinders is darem nou weer terug in die skole. Onthou asseblief dat dit alleenlik moontlik gemaak word deur julle hulp en ondersteuning. Hier is van die



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*Alice Mudenda born without a foot*



*Late Mudenda , a deaf child*

Hallo Everyone,

We always experienced February in England to be a month full of promise. The dreariness of winter would usually be almost forgotten and there would be the promise of a new season, when you realise that the days are getting longer and nature is just waiting to emerge from its winter slumber.

In this part of Africa it is totally different though. Summer is coming to an end and autumn is just around the corner. But that is not the only difference. There is also hunger. The cobs in the fields are still too young to be eaten and the harvest will only be ready by the end of April, which is still two and a half months away. In the surrounding communities the previous year's maize harvest supplies are either running very low or they have already run out. Of course, this means that hunger has started to set in and that it will just get worse and worse until the next harvest.

### Projects and personal

Up to a month ago we still had about seventy bags of maize left from the previous year's harvest, which we have been handing out to the really needy ones in the community. Unfortunately, the supply is not going to last until the next harvest. Oh, the ever present poverty and the hunger that goes with it!

People would so easily say that Africa is to be blamed for its own problems, that it has always been like this and that it will never change. That could well be the case, but this is the reality. What are we doing about it? What would Jesus do? The vicious circle of poverty is just going on and on and the ones who cannot help themselves are suffering the most, like the children left orphaned by the dreaded AIDS disease and the helpless widows. Do we sometimes sit and think how privileged and blessed we are in the western world?

All the children, who are sponsored by you, have now returned to school. Please remember that without your help

kinders wat huidiglik ondersteun word:

- Regs bo is Late Mudenda wat doof is en 'n spesiale skool in Maamba bywoon. Sy gaan nou graad 8 toe en is 'n briljante skooler met punte om dit te staaf.
- Die volgende foto is van Alice Mudenda (nie familie van Late Mudenda nie), wat sonder 'n voetjie gebore is. Sy is in 'n gewone skool, maar ons wil haar nou help om by 'n terapeut in Lusaka uit te kom sodat hulle vir haar 'n kunsvoetjie kan maak. Sy loop op hierdie stompie asof dit 'n regte voet is maar sy verduur geweldige pyn – jy kan vir jousef net indink!

Regs is die Kanjanji sokkerspan, wat spog met hempies van Chelsea – reg uit Engeland!

Op die onderste foto poseer twee van die klein weeskindertjies met die nuwe klere wat ons oor die Kerstyd vir hulle gegee het.

### Gebedsversoeke

- † Bid asb saam vir al die kinders wat nou weer terug is in die skool – dat hulle die liefde sal ontvang wat hulle so nodig het.
- † Bid asb saam vir hierdie kinders met fisiese gebrek – dat daar regtig spesiale hulp en liefde aan hulle geskenk sal word.
- † Sê saam dankie vir ons gesondheid en ook dat dit nou moontlik is vir ons om die OM/ProChristo kursus by te woon.

Baie liefde en groete van almal op Kanjanji.

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*Kanjanji Soccer team – ready for the World Cup!*



*Two little orphans posing with their new clothes over Christmas*

and support this would simply not be possible. Here are some of the children are currently being supported:

- The first picture on the previous page shows Late Mudenda. She is in grade 8 and attends a special school in Maamba, which is quite far from Kanjanji. She is totally deaf, but a brilliant student with results to prove it.
- The next picture shows Alice Mudenda (not related to Late Mudenda) who was born without one foot. She goes to a normal school and walks on that little stump. She endures a lot of pain as you can imagine. We would like to get her to a therapist in Lusaka so that she can get an artificial limb.

On the left is the Kanjanji football team with Chelsea shirts donated from England.

On the picture below, two of the little orphans are posing with the new clothes that we gave them over Christmas.

### Prayer requests

- † Please pray for all the children that have now returned to school now – that they will feel more secure and loved.
- † Pray for the children with disabilities who need special care – that they will really receive that special loving attention.
- † We also thank God for our health and that we are able to attend the OM/ProChristo discipleship course.

Love and best wishes from all of us at Kanjanji.

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