Dear friends and family

We greet you from a lush green Zambia. Yes, the first rains of the rainy season have arrived after the long months of drought we have had and the different hues of green must be seen to be believed. The Zambezi River is now at its lowest level and from where I am sitting now it looks like you could cross the 400-metre wide river in front of Kono Mulimo by foot, that is if you could avoid the crocodiles.

Personal and projects:

For those of you following us on FB, you would know that four of our children have now finished grade-12 and two of these boys have now joined us at Kono Mulimo. Zulu was head boy at Choma Secondary School while Austern was hostel captain. They are posing on the picture with their favourite shirts. All the other children are still busy writing exams and will soon be coming to join us from all over the country with public transport. We have moved the boys' beds into the "computer room" for the time being because the flimsy tents we are using cannot withstand a typical African thunderstorm. The quality is just not the same as that of the old army tents of yester year.
On the picture you would see Modi and Kelvin making beds for the boys since the "computer room" is not actually snake or rat proof. Remember we are only accommodating the older boys while the younger ones are still with their extended families in the village.

Lourie and I are really very busy in our "rural clinic" which is drawing local people from all over the community. Even I took the courage to have a wart on the index finger removed under local anaesthetic. On the picture you would see Lourie busy with yet another procedure with Kelvin assisting. A sort of homemade needle made from thick wire with a hook on one end slipped and bedded itself so deep in this boys thumb that Lourie had to remove it under local anaesthetic. Glad I did not have to assist with this gory one. Another woman arrived on our doorstep with third degree burns on her face after she tripped and fell into the open fire. We consulted dr. Pieter Labuschagne from South Africa over the phone and after prayer and days of treatment with

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Boys with their favorite shirts

Lourie at work in our "rural clinic"

Liewe vriende en familie,

Ons groet julle uit 'n lowergroen Zambië! Ja! die eerste reëns het geval en na soveel maande van dorheid en droogte juig die natuur nou en soveel skakerings van groen moet jy sien om te waardeer! Die Zambezrivier het seker nou sy laagste vlak bereik en hier vanwaar ek sit lyk dit amper of jy die 400 meter na die oorkantste oewer te voet sal kan bereik; dis nou as jy die krokodille kan vermy!

Persoonlik en projekte:

Soos baie van julle wat ons volg op Facebook weet is dat vier van ons kinders graad-12 voltooi het en dat twee van hulle nou by ons aangesluit het. Zulu, was hoofseun in Choma Secondary en Austern was koshuiskaptein. Links staan almal met hul geliefkoosde kleur hemp vir die foto! Al ons ander kinders is nou besig met eksamens en sal binnekort van heinde-en-ver met publieke vervoer kom kuier vir die vakansie. Ons het die seuns se beddens tydelik in die "rekenaarkamer" ingeskuif, omdat die tente wat ons gebruik nie opgewasse is teen Afrika-donderstorms nie. Ja, die tente is net nie meer van dieselfde kwaliteit en sterkte as die ou weermagtente waaraan ons gewoond was nie! Links is Kelvin en Modi besig om van "optelplanke" beddens te maak, want die "rekenaarkamer" is nou nie juis rot -en slangbestand nie! Onthou dat ons net die ouer weeskinders akkommodeer en dat die kleineres nog by hulle "extended families" in die villages bly.

Ons is baie bedrywig in ons "rural-kliniek" wat nou al meer bekend is in die gemeenskap. Selfs ek het deurgeloop nadat Lourie 'n reuse vrat, wat heetyd in die pad was op my wysvinger, uitgesny het. Links is Lourie besig met nog 'n prosedure met Kelvin as assistent. 'n Soort van naald, van dik draad gemaak , met 'n weerhaak op die punt het gegly en so diep in dié seun se duim beland dat Lourie moes verdoof en 'n redelike operasie uitvoer. Eina, ek hanteer maar eerder die kleiner gevalle en kindersiektes voordat ek by tande en operasies betrokke raak! Links is 'n vrou met derdegraadse brandwonde in die gesig nadat sy gestruikel en gesig eerste in die vuur beland het. Dr. Pieter Labuschagne, van Naboomspruit het oor die foon raad

all possible ointments and creams she came back to show us the miraculous healing. We almost could not believe this was the same woman and perfect healing took place.
To God be the glory!!

In the mean time we had to drive all the way to Livingstone to try and repair what could possibly be repaired because we are now going through a terrible time where everything just seems to stop functioning. Our vehicle's clutch gave in, as well as the decoder, the borrowed trailer, and believe it or not, all three of the generators. Even my phone would just not switch on!

Prayer requests:

- Please thank God,
- that we managed to get a sort of a builder,
- that we managed the 250km to Livingstone with a broken clutch,
- that we are having more favour with the locals so that the Word could go out more effectively,
- for everyone involved, you are all important while we are just the hands and feet out in Zambia!
- Please pray for all the children busy with exams.

Finally we would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas, and a wonderful 2014. Bennie, the guy who so faithfully sends out our newsletter every month, will be on holiday during December this year, so you will probably receive our Christmas card in January 2014.

Love and blessings from the heart of Africa.

Blessings from Africa!

Lourie and Gisela

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People waiting in our rural clinic

Brenda who has recovered miraculously!

Modie and Kelvin making a bed from scrap wood

gegee en na gebed en 'n paar dae van behandeling met salwe en verbande, het die vrou gister hier aangekom. Eers kon ons nie GLO dat dit dieselfde vrou is nie! Die wonde het pragtig genees.
Aan God alle eer!

Intussen moes ons heen-en-weer Livingstone toe jaag om te probeer herstel wat moontlik herstel kan word want ons gaan nou deur 'n moeilike tyd wat alles net ingee! Die bakkie se koppelaar-"master cilinder", die dekodeerder, die geleende wa se bedrading, en aldrie kragopwekkers insluitende Big Brother, het opgehou werk! Selfs my telefoon wou nie aanskakel nie!

Gebedsversoeke:

- Bid saam om dankie te sê:
- Dat ons instaat was om 'n bouer te kry op kort kennisgewing.
- Dat ons instaat was om die 250km na Livingstone af te lê met 'n halwe koppelaar.
- Dat ons die vertroue van die mense begin wen sodat ons meer effektief die Woord kan verkondig.
- Bid ook saam vir al ons kinders wat nog besig is met eksamens.
- Vir almal wat gemoeid is met die projek - julle is almal deel van ons...ons is net die hande en voete!

Laastens wil ons julle net almal 'n geseende Kersfees en wonderlike 2014 toewens, omdat Bennie, wat so getrou ons nuusbrief verwerk en uitstuur, gedurende Desember met vakansie gaan wees en dus sal julle eers ons kerskaartjie in Januarie 2014 ontvang.

Liefde en seën uit die hart van Afrika.

Seën uit Afrika

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