

Dear family and friends

It feels colder this year or winter has arrived earlier. Everyone in South Africa is also complaining about the cold.

Projects and personal

Although it is already quite cold in Zambia, we still have a problem with many mosquitoes around so many cases of malaria are reported. Several friends and acquaintances had passed away quite recently from cerebral malaria (which is the deadly strain of malaria). Joseph Banda, one of the community leaders, had buried his wife quite recently (she used to help with the baby programme). Mr Nagashiki, who used to assist us with our electrical connections at the borehole, had passed away, as well as Brian, one of the tellers at the local bank. The worst is they all passed away after complaining from a severe headache, only hours earlier. One of the grandmothers who had also been caring for three of our orphans, Mrs Sachinga, had passed away quite unexpectedly and the three orphans had to be placed with one of the aunts who are already looking after several orphans. Two of them, Abel and Esther, had been on the baby programme for a long time.

In the meantime we have started rebuilding the little house of an old widow whose house had been gutted in a fire. She is also looking after some orphans and one of her grandchildren, Hatchwell Ndikiti, is in grade-11 on our programme for orphans. Hatchwell and some of the other boys have started taking down some of the remaining walls so that the bricks could be reused. Meanwhile, the old widow is sleeping in the open kitchen area without a mattress because everything which she owned has gone up in flames.



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Pastor and his wife, Mary



Lourie, Pastor and our orphan-boys helping with rebuilding the widow's house

Liewe vriende en familie,

Hierdie jaar het die winter baie gou gekom –of ons is nou heeltemal geaklimatiseer! Miskien het die koue boontoe geskuif, want almal in Suid-Afrika kla dat dit baie koud is hierdie jaar.

Projekte en persoonlik

Al is dit nou kouer hier in Zambië, is hier nog baie muskiete in die omtrek en dus kry ons nog baie gevalle van malaria. Ons het nou in die afgelope rukkie baie ellende gehad met mense wat na aan ons dood is aan serebrale malaria. Joseph Banda, een van die gemeenskapsleiers, se een vrou (wat my altyd met die babas gehelp het) is 'n rukkie gelede oorlede, so ook die mnr Nagasiki, wie ons altyd met die boorgat gehelp het asook Brian, een van die tellers by die bank. Hulle is almal aan serebrale malaria oorlede. Dit is nogal onrusbarend want almal het binne minute nadat hulle 'n hoofpyn ontwikkel het, beswyk. Een van die oumas wat na 3 van ons wesies gekyk het, Mrs Sachinga, is ook skielik aan malaria oorlede, en die 3 bloedjong kleintjies is nou na 'n tannie wat alreeds na weeskinders omsien. Abel en Esther, is 2 van hulle, wat lank op die babaprogram was. (gered is!)

Intussen het ons saam met die pastoor van die plaaslike kerk, begin om 'n huisie te herbou van 'n ou weduwee wat afgebrand het. Sy sien ook om na verskeie weeskinders. Een van haar kleinseuns, Hatchwell Ndikiti, is nou graad 11 op ons program, en hy en van die ander seuns het die ou gedeelte, wat nog bruikbaar was, afgebreek, en die bakstene herwin. Intussen slaap die ou oomatjie in 'n oop kombuis, sonder 'n matras, want al haar besittingkies het in vlamme opgegaan. Ja... julle het reggeraai, 'n kers het omgeval en voor jy kon sê "mes", is alles aan die brand.

Three of our older children are still struggling to find places in colleges for nursing/teaching, although they all have good grade-12 results. Because tuition fees at the University of Zambia are exorbitant (£4000 per year), we are encouraging children to rather apply at a college for either a diploma in teaching or nursing- but now they have to queue with at least 900 other kids. Cholwe (right) is one of our orphans who could not get a place at college for nursing.

At the moment we are preparing for the next outreach with "Doctors for Life" to Malawi, which starts at the end of the month. We shall keep you up to date.



Burnt down house of a widow

Prayer requests:

- ✚ Pray for the children looking for a place at college.
- ✚ Pray for good health.
- ✚ Pray for widows and orphans.
- ✚ Pray for the OM leadership and the "Love Africa Conference" in August.

Blessings from Zambia.

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Intussen is daar nog 3 van ons groter kinders wat sukkel om plek te kry by van die paar kolleges, alhoewel hulle goeie matriekpunte het (links is Cholwe, een van ons weeskinders). Omdat jaargelde by die Universiteit van Zambië baie duur is (£4000 per jaar) moedig ons kinders aan om diplomas in verpleging en onderwys te doen, aar nou staan hulle saam met 900 kinders in lyn.

Ons is besig om reg te maak vir die volgende uitreik saam met "Doctors for Life" na Malawi wat die einde van die maand plaasvind. Ons hou jul op hoogte.

Gebedsversoeke:

- ✚ Bid asb. saam vir kinders wat nog nie plek het vir verdure studies nie.
- ✚ Bid asb. saam vir goeie gesondheid.
- ✚ Bid asb saam vir weduwees en wesies wat honger kry in die koue.
- ✚ Bid ook asb saam vir die OM-leiers wat druk besig is met voorbereidings vir die "Love Africa Conference", in Augustus.

Seën en liefde uit Zambië.

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Cholwe ready for yet another interview

