Dear friends and family,

What a busy time we had at Kanjanji the past month or so! We had some good times and some bad times, but fortunately the good times outweighed the latter.

Projects and personal

The Olwage family from the SA Congregation in England came to visit Kanjanji during early August and what a blessed time we had with this family. Ollie, Elma, Francois and Waldo have been doing so much for Kanjanji. Francois started raising funds for Kanjanji back in England by taking part in various triathlon events. He managed to raise almost £2,000 – what a present that was! On the picture (right) Francois is presenting the cheque to Lourie. The community was so impressed with his efforts that they organised a big celebration for the family. Many of the headmen also took part in the festivities. Waldo and Elma also did some wonderful work in the preschool by decorating the walls with the alphabet and more. Ollie and the boys also put up a volley ball court and goal posts for the football pitch. Thank you again – you blessed us so much!!

Kanjanji also had a visit from Eduard and Hanna Schoch from Crossroads in South Africa. They installed the Reading Rocket computer programme on the computers which we received from the Lord Wandsworth school in England. Reading Rocket is a programme which teaches children from a young age to read and write and it was designed especially for use in African schools. Hanna also trained the preschool teachers for almost two days on the SpeelProf computer programme which can also be used by children to learn certain skills. These are fantastic programmes and we are very excited and looking forward to introducing these programmes to the 5 schools in our area so that the children can start benefiting from them. The computers that have been donated to Kanjanji by the Lord Wandsworth school in England are going to come in very handy!

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Francois handing over his cheque

The Olwage-family

Liewe familie en vriende,

Die afgelope paar weke was die besigste tyd nog ooit op Kanjanji. Soos altyd was daar lief en leed, maar gelukkig is die lief baie meer as die leed!

Projekte en persoonlik

'n Wonderlike familie vanaf Engeland, die Olwagens, het vir bykans 2 weke besoek kom aflê by Kanjanji en dit was vir ons so 'n geseënde tyd. Daar is soveel werk klaargemaak deur Ollie, Elma, Francois en Waldo. Baie dankie julle! Francois het net voor hulle vertrek uit Engeland bykans £2,000 ingesamel vir Kanjanji met borgskappe deur aan 'n drie-kamp wedloop oor 3 dae deel te neem. Whaaw, dit was 'n baie groot geskenk! Op die foto oorhandig hy die tjek aan Lourie. Die gemeenskap het besluit om 'n groot feesviering te hou om dankie te sê aan Francois en baie van die hoofmanne was ook teenwoordig. Elma en Waldo het ook wonderlike werk aan die versiering van die 'preschool' gedoen deur onder andere die alfabet vir die kinders op die mure te verf. Ollie-hulle het sokkerpale en 'n volleyball baan opgesit wat daagliks bykans 12 uur in werking is!

Kanjanji is ook gedurende hierdie tyd deur Eduard en Hannah Schoch van Crossroads in Suid Afrika besoek. Hulle het die rekenaarprogram, Reading Rocket, op die rekenaars wat deur die Lord Wandsworth skool in Engeland geskenk is, kom installeer. Hierdie program help jong kinders om te leer lees en skryf en is spesifiek vir skole in Afrika ontwerp. Hanna het ook vir bykans 2 dae vir die voorskoolse onderwysers SpeelProf opleiding gegee. Dit is nog 'n rekenaarprogram waarmee kinders sekere vaardighede geleer kan word. Dit is wonderlike programme en ons is baie opgewonde om veral die Reading Rocket aan die 5 skole in ons omgewing bekend te stel sodat kinders kan begin baat daarby. Die rekenaars wat deur die Lord Wandsworth skool in Engeland aan die Kanjanji/OM skool geskenk is, kom nou baie handig te pas.

Die hartseer nuus is dat die ou weduwee, tannie Munangaba, oorlede is. Sy moes na berekening dieselfde

The bad news is that Mrs Munangaba has passed away. She was the old lady without any relatives, who was living all on her own in her little hut and she must have passed away just after Lourie visited her and delivered some food a few weeks ago. She was buried without much ceremony two days later.

In the mean time, we have had some further discussions with all the role players at Kanjanji to determine the way forward. As you know the project has grown tremendously over the last few years, as can be seen on our website and from our newsletters. Apart from providing a nutritious meal for around 200 orphans on Saturdays and various other projects, Kanjanji is also helping hundreds of other orphans in the community who are benefiting from the school fees we are paying every term. The local church that we have been working with are still determined to have children in an orphanage and that is why Dr Ockie Raubenheimer (representing SA Congregation, England), Les Blignaut (representing a charity in England), Coen Scholtz (representing Operation Mobilisation) and Daniel Lilema (representing Word of Life Church) has had a series of discussions.

Prayer requests

- Thank God for everyone reaching out to the poor and the needy at Kanjanji. We can so clearly see God's hand in that.
- Thank you also for a community who are willing to cooperate to relieve the struggles of widows and orphans.

Warm greetings,

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aand gesterf het nadat Lourie en die 2 Duitse meisies die maandelikse proviant ‘n paar weke gelede gaan aflaai het. Die area se hoofman het haar sonder enige seremonie laat begrawe.

Intussen was daar groot samesprekings tussen al die betrokke partye om die pad vorentoe te bespreek. Die Kanjanji-projek het ontsettend gegroei oor die afgelope paar jaar, soos gesien kan word op ons webwerf en in ons nuusbriewe kan getuig. Afgesien van die 200 kinders wat Saterdae 'n gebalanseerde maaltyd kry, trek honderde ander voordeel uit die skoolbefondsing vir die weeskinders. Die plaaslike kerk waaronder ons werk wil graag nogsteeds 'n weeshuis registreer en daarom het Dr Ockie Raubenheimer van ons stuurgemeente in Engeland, Les Blignaut (verteenwoordiger van ‘n liefdadigheidsorgranisasie in Engeland), Coen Scholtz (verteenwoordiger van Operasie Mobilisasie) en Daniel Lilema (verteenwoordiger van die Word of Life Kerk) het alreeds verskeie samesprekings gehad ten einde ‘n oplossing te probeer vind.

Gebedsversoeke

- Sê asb saam dankie vir al die betrokkenheid. Ons God werk op wonderbaarlike wyse!
- Dankie vir 'n gemeenskap wat saamwerk om die behoeftes van weduwees en wese aan te spreek.

Hartlike groete,

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