

**Mutanyana Weru Newsletter,  
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1 NEW CENTRE MANAGER

A while ago already Silvester, 70 years old and manager of the centre, had indicated that he wanted to take things a bit easier considering his age and the increasing number of inhabitants.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> the centre has a new manager, who has already vigorously commenced his duties. This new addition to the staff boasts years of experience as head nurse in health care in Mozambique. By now the employees and inhabitants of the centre have become accustomed to his somewhat stricter way of running things. Internal communication throughout the centre has improved. Externally, the centre will also be able to profit from the new manager's capabilities in relationship building and management.

Silvester would still like to remain involved in the centre's work. He will therefore take on responsibility for the arrangement of schooling affairs for some twenty children in primary and secondary education.

2 HENHOUSE & VEGETABLE GARDEN

Lead by an agronomist with the Saint Egidius group, a number of students have volunteered in making the vegetable garden and the henhouse ready for use. The vegetable garden is already finished. Next thing to do is improving and enlarging the henhouse. There is still a need for further technical advice and paid help before construction can be started. Until recently, we have been looking for a sponsor for this project. The 'Sport en Spel Maasland' committee has by now consented to financially support this project by means of a fundraising event in June 2007.

3 TV APPEARANCE FATHER ANDRE

Father Andre got another chance to speak about the centre and its inhabitants on local television. The programme brought about many positive reactions. For example, a company specialized in professional cleaning and pest control will be aiding the

centre. Also, a company trading in aluminum has made contact to find out if they can be of any help. A group of people has volunteered to provide for schooling of the inhabitants.

4 NEW PAVILION

An inventory of the remaining furnishing of the pavilion and the centre's own classroom is currently being made. This will serve as a base for the financing, which will be provided for by the sponsor, the Embassy of Iceland. The Lions Club of Maasland has raised funds for some proper beds by means of a plants and flower sale on a Dutch national holiday. The 'Wilde Ganzen' Foundation supported this event with their 'Added Value Project'.



5 COOPERATION

Contacts with the Orionite Congregation from Brazil have been strengthened. This organization is building a new educational centre next to our centre. The Congregation has been consulted with on the aspect of whether they can play a part in safeguarding

the centre's future continuity. This will diminish the centre's dependence of the Dutch pastor Andre van Zon.

#### 6 EMERGENCY ADMITTANCE

The overall state of public health is fairly good at the moment. Even so, there will always be surprises. Like the seven-year-old boy that was admitted in a state of severe undernourishment, wearing no clothes, covered in sand fleas and unable to speak. After spending several weeks in the hospital he is now at the centre, where he will remain for some time for further recovery and until a proper solution has been found.

#### 7 AIDS CARE

The aids care for habitants of the center by the Saint Egidius group is being continued.



#### 8 FOOD AID

As a result of the avian flue the export of poultry meat to surrounding countries has stagnated, which in turn has caused a surplus of poultry meat at local markets. With this in mind, an altruist is temporarily donating 30 kilos of poultry meat and 72 hamburgers a week to the centre.

#### 9 MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Now that a new manager has been appointed to reinforce the overall management of the centre and the odds of long-term continuity improving are looking better, support for management aspects has become less urgent. The advisory group will continue to exist for the moment.

#### 10 FINANCES

Thanks to your support we can donate another € 25,000 to the centre this year. This will cover about half of the centre's operating costs, which mainly consist of care for the inhabitants of the centre and personnel cost. Our goal is to provide for at least a similar degree of support to the centre next year as well. However, due to inflation the operating costs of the centre will further increase in the future.

#### 11 GIFTS AND LEGACIES

Gifts and legacies are always welcomed. Perhaps you are aware that periodical legacies are fiscally most attractive. Sjef van Zon (tel.+31 492 32 16 26) could supply information regarding this if desired.

#### 12 FINAL WORD

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

#### **Can we also count on your support in 2007?**

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