

**Newsletter Mutanyana Weru,
Fall 2017.**

1. General situation in Maputo

Jan.1st. 2018 Father André will celebrate his 80th. birthday!!!

The board of our Foundation congratulates him with this milestone and wishes him many more fruitful and pleasant years and off course in good health.

His advanced age is the reason for internal discussions in the board and also with Father André himself with the topic: how to continue in the future with the project in Maputo? Although Father André's health is still fine, there is a serious search going on to find ways to ensure the continuation of the project.

The decision has been made to give highest priority to the re-integration project and to find a permanent solution for those handicapped people of the project who will stay in need of help.

Father André himself is aware of the urgency of the situation and writes the following about it:



The government announced this week that (because of the ongoing investigations on corruption, loans and similar debts) repayment of debts will not start this year nor next year. This will result in a strong increase of these debts (and the interests on these debts). It is therefore predicted that for Mozambique and its inhabitants 2018 will be even more difficult than crisis year 2017; with higher costs of living, rising unemployment and also higher poverty. No positive outlook for the near future for my protégées who belong to the poorest of the poor.

One might think how it is possible to make plans to decrease help in such a hopeless situation. I realise that this is not a simple task but it is an absolute necessity. Delaying it could be dangerous for some of the protégées.

On short term people of the project should be made aware of the responsibility they have themselves and they should also be made aware of the fact that, in crisis situations, there is no more helping hand for them when I am no longer around.

For those handicapped people who are in permanent need for help and hence cannot be re-integrated, special refuge centres have to be found in the existing social institutions. All other project members have to learn to stand up for themselves: either living alone or together with other family members. Those who cannot find paid labour will have to concentrate on the agriculture project to earn a living and to sell the surplus products to make some money for buying necessary products for living.

To be continued!

2. Advent Action Sacramentskerk Nijmegen

Once more an Advent Action will be held in the SacramentsChurch in Nijmegen (NL). The intention of the action is to support the work of 'our



Father André van Zon'. Also last year the action took place and the results were overwhelming. In their internal contact letter the following can be read:

Advent Action

Also this year's action is intended for Father André van Zon sss to enable him to continue his work in Maputo, Mozambique,

Father André is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Sacrament and has been related for many years with heart and soul, to the poorest people of Mozambique. There he succeeds, with the help of locals, to build up a kind of dignified living for a large number of handicapped people, children and young adults. These people would not have any chances without the help of Father André.

The Foundation Mutanyana Weru transfers the money directly to Father André and guarantees that not one penny 'sticks to the fingers'. And that is very important: your gift will be spent well !!!

The aim of the Foundation is to fully support the continuation of the work of the organisation



"Muntanyana Weru" in Maputo, Mozambique.

This is also true for the 'side projects':

- *Emergency help and prevention*
- *Rehabilitation and Re-integration*
- *Support for children for studying*
- *Support for Aids victims*

If you are interested to learn more about Father André's work, please look on the website:

www.mutanyanaweru.nl

3. Financial matters

Father André's financial situation is becoming more and more critical. The number of permanent donors is getting less and our Foundation now is the main financial source. (In the past we were one of more financial sources)

Father André has been made aware of this and he also saw this situation change. So he has to adapt to this new situation. The decrease in his income already started some years ago and adapting for him is not a simple matter, because he feels to let down his protégées. But it is the reality now!

So, we were not surprised to learn from our treasurer that he received a call from Father André for immediate and addition help and to send him an extra amount of money to solve the most urgent needs.

Fortunately our permanent donors did not let us down and in July the board could transfer the amount of €5000 to Father André's account in Maputo.

We also received some gifts for special destinations of the project with the value of €4020. (These so called 'ear marked' gifts are treated specially and are not incorporate in our general financial income). Also this amount was transferred immediately to Father André. Also the (rest) donation of €1200 from the Advent Action 2016 in the Sacramentskerk in Nijmegen (NL) has to be named.

Fortunately there also was a very successful action at the end of 2016 and the start of 2017 in the St.Peters Parish with a final result of almost €15 000. Because of this donation the financial year 2017 will be closed with some positive reserve!

Because of the urgent situation the board decided to transfer in December another €4000 to Father André.

Taken into account the positive financial outlook for 2018, the board has decided to increase the annual amount of support for 2018 from €17500 to €20000



Father André visiting some of his protégées

Thank you very much for all your financial help and support.

You all make this possible!!!

4 Finally

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

[Thanks again for your support!!](http://www.mutanyanaweru.nl)

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