

**Newsletter Mutanyana Weru,
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1. General situation in Maputo

In the recent elections in Mozambique, President Filipe Nyusi and his Frelimo party won 73% of the votes and thus the absolute majority. Renamo was the loser. Both these groups fought a fierce civil war that started in 1977. As an anti-communist group, Frelimo was supported by Rhodesia and South Africa; Renamo by the Soviet Union. When the SU fell apart in 1992, peace negotiations started which resulted in a permanent peace. Whether the President can / will put an end to corruption and friend's politics is questionable.

2. Peerke Donders

In the Dutch magazine Peerke (Jan. 2017) - see: www.peerkedonders.nl- comedian Jörgen Raymann writes the following about Peerke Donders: "Imagine that you would do something like this: leave everything behind you and go to the jungle to give your life to the care of poor, sick people. How would your environment govern that? You would absolutely be declared crazy. Unconditional love for your fellow man is hard to find in this society, where care for the elderly and the sick is a purely professional matter. Peerke was called by God, there is no other way. I think he can be a great example for us and for the way we treat each other. "

The above expression of appreciation could just as well apply to our Father André van Zon!



3. Situation Father André

Our chairman Sjef van Zon has had a number of telephone conversations with his brother in Maputo and writes the following about this: Father André is doing well but has adjusted his activities quite a bit to his age. Broadly speaking, he works as follows: In addition to his Sunday parochial support, he is busy organizing the documents of the episcopal archive. He also goes to the Maputo Central Hospital 2 to 3 times a week to see if there are any sick people in the pediatric ward where no family or acquaintances can or will not come to visit. Pls. remember that costs outside the strict medical care are considered to be paid by the family.

The contacts with his protectors are increasingly limited to consultations. He clearly indicated to them that the financial support of Father André will diminish and as a result more and more self-reliance and mutual cooperation should be considered in the near future. The stakeholders responded to his message with typical African optimism. It seems that in Mozambique there is a strong belief in : Time brings Council !!

Replacing (in the near future) of Father André by someone from the Congregation or the Diocese is unfortunately out of the question.

The protectors

There are 25 living groups / family groups with a total of around 120 people, of which 25 are intensively disabled and 25 less disabled. The disabled live with protectors of Father André in houses with a small garden and they can grow their own food and generate some additional income by selling what is left over at the local market. A varying number of people (especially patients with HIV virus) continue to knock on Father André's door for financial support, e.g. for medicinal products.

Training :

Support for training is now available for primary education. Support for secondary and higher education is planned to gradually phase out due to the high costs. There are currently 30 children in primary education and 15-20 who receive partial support in secondary and higher education.

Unemployment:

Unemployment is very high, with the result that especially the young people are hit the hardest. It is very frustrating that even young people with education have difficulty finding work. At the start of 2019, 5 protectors of Father André, with a secondary education, were rejected for an application at the Dutch firm Heineken with the probable cause: children of intermediary parents have better wheelbarrows.

4 . Finance

Father André will receive our contribution from in 2019 € 30,000.00 in monthly installments. Thanks to regular donations and a few unforeseen donations (including an inheritance) there is currently sufficient financial reserve. That is why the board has decided to increase the annual amount to be paid to Father André for 2020 to € 36,000.00 (€ 3,000.00 / month).

Fortunately, a number of donations are received that are given for a specific purpose, e.g. education, emergency relief, etc. These amounts are extra and transferred directly to Father André also stating the purpose for which it be intended to be .

And of course we thank all the people for their financial contribution to our Foundation, and therefore to Father André and his protectors.

May we count again on your esteemed gift?

Know that we are an **ANBI**- recognized Foundation and that, in The Netherlands, therefore your donations can be deducted from the Income Tax Return.

5 . Privacy Statement

On our website, a section has now been devoted to the question of how we handle your privacy data.

6 . And last but not least

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

Thanks for your support !!!

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