

Newsletter Mutanyana Weru, June 2008.

Major changes will happen in the near future for the organization of the Centre Mutanyana Weru.

Below please find the concerning information.

1 TAKE-OVER OF CENTRE MUTANYANA WERU

The founder of the Centre Mutanyana Weru, Father André van Zon, still is in good health. Because of his age Father André has serious worries regarding the continuity of the Centre. This in case something should happen to him; things like illness, etc.

Finding a successor or getting personal help for Father André can not be provided by the Congregation.

Over the past 12,5 years the Centre has substantially grown and together with the by-projects provides the daily support for about 200 persons in need. It has established itself an important position in Maputo's society and its surrounding areas.

The cooperation with Maputo's Central Hospital as well as with the local Social Service Departments runs smoothly. The Centre's activities are also highly appreciated by Maputo's Archbishop. The social organization named: "Cabinet of the countries first Lady", with the Presidents wife as chairperson, offers regularly support in the form of providing food and recreation for the Centre's residents.

On June 1st. they organized for the Centre's children and co-operators a fantastic afternoon party with dance, disco music and a buffet. This was at the occasion of World Child Day. The children all received an extra attention in the form of toys. The party was co-sponsored by local business companies and ended with Video recordings. An interview with Father André and other pictures were transmitted as part of a news programme by the local TV station.

Also the Dutch ambassador keeps himself informed about the Centre's activities on a regular basis. He receives information and pays regular visits to the Centre.

The important role of the Centre in Maputo's community also means that there is a big responsibility for the continuation the Centre.

Additional manpower with specialised skills and knowledge is required. This is why the Foundations management welcomes the current developments.

After preparations in 2007, the General Superior of the Orionites visited the Centre early 2008. This visit resulted in a deal with the Orionites to completely take-over the management of the Centre. This also is the case for the employees and all social obligations. The official transfer will be on August 2nd 2008.

2. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CENTRE AND ITS WAY OF LIFE?

Most important for the Centre is the fact that its continuity is guaranteed. It also is the intention to get an organisational structure which is fully aimed at the needs of the Centre's residents. For a number of older people and people who are less in need of help, the existing re-integration project will be stimulated and speeded up. Off course additional funds are necessary to realise this project. The proceedings in the "Chicken project" have been delayed and the plan is now to use the available "Chicken funds" for the re-integration project.

There are current discussions on this subject with the sponsors of these funds.

3 WHAT WILL BE THE ROLE OF FATHER ANDRE?

The direct responsibility for the Centre will be in the hands of the Orionites.

Father André will be fully dedicated to the current by-projects. These are a.o.: give guidance and support to the re-integration of the ex-residents of the Centre, Aids/HIV help, emergency help, educational support, care for sick people in the Central Hospital of Maputo.

Your support will allow the Foundation to make these goals become reality and to continue to give support.

4 ORIONITES

You may ask yourself the question who these Orionites are. Below please find some information about this Congregation.



Don Luigi Orione (June 23rd. 1872 – March 12th. 1940) was a benefactor of the poor and orphans. He founded in 1915 his own Congregation in

Italy and it expanded to various other countries in the world. The Brazilian branch of the Congregation is active for quite some time in Mozambique and will take over the Centre.

Don Orione has been declared Saint on Mai 6th. 2004 by Pope John Paul 2nd. More information can be found on the internet via Google: Don Luigi Orione.

5 THE CHICKEN PROJECT

For quite some time we have been trying to realize the Chicken Project. Apart from additional food for the Centre's residents and an additional income for the Centre, this project offers the residents the possibility to learn a way how to take care of themselves and to teach them responsibility for it.

Plans for this project have been worked out in detail, permissions have been applied for and funds have been raised. Because of new Government rules and guidelines, and bureaucracy, the needed permissions have not been received yet. The project is now in an unacceptable deadlock because of these delays.

The Orionites are planning for the near future an agricultural centre and it seems a good idea to us to incorporate the Chicken project into this centre.

As mentioned above we are in the process of giving the re-integration project an extra impulse and it would be good to get all necessary finances.

We will keep you informed about this project.

6 DONATIONS AND LEGATIES.

These are more than welcome. It is good to know that periodic gifts are fiscally most attractive. If necessary our Chairman, Sjef van Zon, can give detailed information. (phone +31 4923 21626).

7 FINALLY

We wish you a good summer and nice vacation period.

Thank you for your support and may we count on it again in the future?

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