

Newsletter Mutanyana Weru, June 2011.

Father André van Zon visited his family in the Netherlands and also has been in contact several times with his brother Sjef (chairman of our Foundation) from Maputo. From these contacts the following report:

1. Situation spring 2011

The projects large agricultural fields for general use are situated close to a river with its source in South Africa. So in the water-meadows there is a continuous supply of fresh water from the available wells. Because the ocean is not far away, the salt up of the soil also plays an important role. When there is an abundance of rainwater upstream in South Africa, the sluices of the flood control dams will be opened resulting in temporarily inundations downstream. Above described situation has to be taken into account with the selection of plants. E.g. sweet potatoes start to rot or mildew with too much moisture.



A type of plant that can stand this pretty well is Manioc and it has been planted for this reason. It is a perfect plant here but it takes one year before it can be harvested. So everybody looks forward to the Manioc yield this year. On the higher grounds other vegetables can be planted like green salad, potatoes, peanuts, tomatoes, etc.

The harvest will be for own use and the surplus will be sold on the local markets.

In the past year the costs for sowing-seed, plants, etc. amounted to € 5700 and for the first time the income from sales of crop were € 1307 !
So, this is the start.



The founding of the Association is a very slow process. The regulations have been adapted according to the new guidelines of the government. Bureaucracy however is a crime.

After last years riots, as a result of the heavily raised prices, the situation is a bit more stable now. The local

currency, the Meticaís, strongly devaluated. You would expect to receive more Meticaís for Dollars and Euros. But the contrary is valid. Father André feels that the politicians play a political game with these artificial exchange rates; how long they can go on with this is unknown, but it surely is in the disadvantage of the local economy.

2. Finances:

Already in 2010 we noticed a negative trend in the amount of received donations. Unfortunately this trend continued in the first half of this year!

Despite this lower income situation, our Foundation succeeded to transfer the earlier promised amount of € 28 000 to the Maputo project. The amount of donations went down from approx. € 22 500 in 2009 to approx. € 16 500 for 2010! Because of this situation we had to decide to lower our contribution to the project by 10%. We discussed this new budget of € 22 500 with Father André who is very unhappy with this new



situation but also faces the current reality. He will cut his expenses accordingly but it also stimulates him to generate more income from the agricultural project and sees

it as a new step towards self-supporting.

The costs of education have been raised with enormously over the past year. The assistants try to get as much as possible people of the project to school. This off course is a fantastic goal to achieve, but it also raises the costs dramatically. It would be disastrous if this has to stop because of the high costs involved!?

3. Core information of the project

A new summary has been made showing the goals of the re-integration project, how many participants there are, how many of them attend school classes, etc. etc. This summary can be found on our web site in the heading: newsletters.

4. Finances 2010

As mentioned earlier, our Foundation received in the past year donations at a value of € 16 478,98.

Because € 28 000 has been transferred to the Mozambique project we had to use some of our reserve capital. Our costs in 2010 have been limited to € 108,26 banc charges and € 26,14 for the Chamber of Commerce. All additional cost, like website etc., have been sponsored and we are very grateful for this.

In order to stop the negative trend of the donations we herewith call up those people wanting to support us in fundraising. We think of coordinating/organizing sports activities/events, sponsored games etc. It will not bring you any money, but it will give you the satisfying feeling of contributing your energy to the Mozambican community.

Because of above situation we kindly ask you to assist us in making an extra effort to support Father André and his volunteers. By this the handicapped and sick people should continue to get health support and the young children will continue to get their basic education at school, allowing them to get a better future.

5 Donations and Legacies

We continue to ask you for your generous financial support. As can be read in this newsletter, the costs of living has increased in Mozambique and the level of the donation has gone down.

The efforts of all volunteers in Maputo and the families deserve our support.

May we count on an additional gift?

It is good to know that periodic gifts are fiscally most attractive. If necessary our Chairman, Sjef van Zon, can give detailed information.
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6. Visit Father Pater André

In May 2011 Father André was for some weeks in Holland to join the festivities of a 50 years marriage in his family. He used the opportunity to visit some people who had expressed their feelings to meet him. Needless to say that he gave them information of first hand. He also was present at the recent board meeting of our Foundation.



7. Finally

We wish you a good summer time and vacation with lots of sunshine.

Thank you for your support!

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