

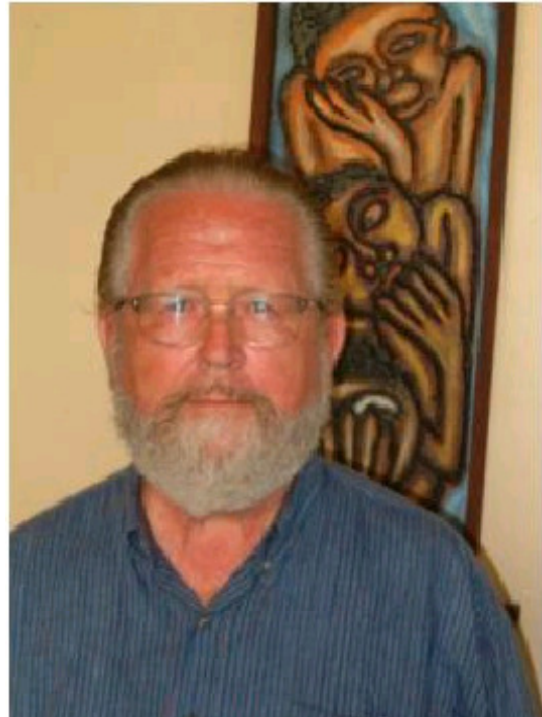
1 NEW INITIATIVE

This newsletter is a new initiative of the Foundation supporting the Centre Mutanyana Weru. Its goal is to inform the friends and sponsors of the Centre about ongoing matters in the Centre and new developments. We intend to issue these newsletters a few times per year, to inform you about the activities of our Foundation, the Centre and its inhabitants. As can be seen in this first issue, we will add pictures to the newsletter with the motto: 'a picture is worth more than a thousand words'...



2 GOAL OF THE FOUNDATION

The Foundations' goal is to financially support the Centre in the areas of health care, provision of housing facilities, education and re-integration of people into the local society. The people we are targeting are single (very often abandoned) women with a handicap and orphans (with or without a handicap).



3 WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN RECENT YEARS?

The number of dependent people in the Centre has increased to 115. Twenty-five of them are working in the Centre as assistant, or they perform other activities in the Centre. So the people we are aiming at has grown over the past years, from 60 in 2003 to 90 persons in 2004. This also implies that the financial needs are increasing. The number of residents in the Centre has grown from 40 in 1986 to 90 in 2005.

The Centre's expenditures are growing accordingly. These consist of costs of living, personnel, transport, health care, education, etc. In 1998 the operational costs were \$40000. In 2004 these costs will be more than \$56000 This corresponds with about \$600 to \$700 per person per year (about €500 to €600 per person per year).

The Foundation received in the past year € 15000, which has been used to cover the Centre's operational costs as well as the specific project of re-integration. This project was co-sponsored with the amount of Euro 10000 by the Dutch organisation 'De Wilde Ganzen'.

Fortunately the Centre is not only dependent of the Foundation. People and organisations from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Denmark have also supported the Centre. In

addition to “European sponsoring” we also receive donations from local Mozambican organisations in the form of food and medicines.

All above-mentioned gifts are coming on a incidental basis and there is not a long-term structural system to guarantee the Centre’s existence yet.

For the time being the Centre continues to be an exciting and very valuable adventure.

The annual report of the Foundation for the year 2004 will be placed on the Centre’s web-site shortly.



4 ORGANISATION OF THE FOUNDATION

The board of the Foundation has been extended and now consists of the following persons:

- Sjef van Zon (Venhorst- NL) – Chairman
- Jan van Mil (Leuth- NL) – Treasurer
- Herco Jansen (Wageningen- NL)- Secretary
- Marja van Buuren (Maasland-NL)
- Matthijs Theunissen (Groesbeek- NL)
- Ben Giessen (The Hague- NL)

It is good to point out that all these people do all the work on a no-charge basis. We therefore contribute to the fact that all donations will be used in the Centre’s benefit.



5 NEWS OF NUTANYANA WERU

The Centre has been painted completely, both inside and outside. For security reasons a new wall has been erected around the Centre. The Centre’s school class is now ready for use, although Sander and Laetitia Giessen/Rabat have mentioned during their recent visit that the air conditioning needs to be improved. Their trip report, including some photographs, will be placed on the web-site. So here you can also meet some of the Centre’s residents.

The Centre’s management is now investigating the possibilities to improve the re-integration of handicapped people into the local society. They also study the staff situation. In the forthcoming period the emphasis will also be on the further improvement of the quality of the buildings.

Job descriptions for the personnel will be made and the contacts with ‘Action Social’ (Infant Welfare) will be improved. Staff will receive training on how to best work with the residents and the residents’ daily programme will be improved.



6 FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2005

Now that the Centre has grown it will be of first importance to find more sponsors and to mobilize the current ones. The necessity of financial support for operational costs continues to be a big concern.

Of secondary importance are the actions for the various projects like housing, health care, education, re-integration, etc.

We will soon contact Father André to discuss the priorities.



7 INFORMATION

If you have any question after reading this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are there to answer your questions. Of course your donations for the Centre in Mozambique will be highly appreciated. The

Centre Mutanyana Weru (Our Little Home) is in permanent need for money.

We also point out that with a 'small' action, for instance at the occasion of a family celebration, you can provide a child one year of care.

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