

## Newsletter Mutanyana Weru, Fall 2013.

### 1. General

Welcome to our newsletter Fall 2013 with information on our project in Maputo- Mozambique. In our previous newsletter we mentioned the unstable political situation in Mozambique. This situation has not changed a lot. Reuters Press Agency write on their website: "Mozambique faces uncertainty as Renamo ends 1992 peace pact". You find this article by searching in Google with the names: frelimo – renamo. For the time being the instability happens in the north of the country whilst Father André and his project are in the south.

### 2. ANBI/CBF

When a Foundation, like ours, complies to the rules and conditions of the government organisation named ANBI (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instellingen) and is registered there, it means that, in the Netherlands, all donations to this Foundation are deductible from Income Tax. As of Jan.1<sup>st</sup> 2014 there will be new guidelines for ANBI compliant organisations to make specific data on the organisation public.

When studying the new guidelines we found that most information already was available on our website; we only had to add our financial report 2012 and the data of our board members. The financial report 2012 has been added to our, Dutch only, annual report. We there added the financial data of our Foundation as well as the financial data of our project in Maputo.

### 3. Amélia Tivane

In our previous newsletter we promised a report about one of our foster children Amélia Tivane. Father André sent us the biography below, which was approved by Amélia:

#### BIOGRAPHY of AMÉLIA TIVANE

Amélia Tivane was born on March 12<sup>th</sup>. 1983 at Moamba, a district capitol 80 km. away from Maputo and 25 km.



*Amélia in 1995*

from the border with South Africa (Ressano Garcia), in a simple workers family with father and mother and 4 other children.

In 1991 the whole family was taken hostage by a group of guerrilla fighters and taken to a camp hidden

in the bush. Halfway the route to the camp the children and old people were released and sent home. Adults, porters and captured food had to go on to the camp. Destiny showed that Amélia's parents did not come back home after the peace pact of October 4<sup>th</sup>. 1992 and most probably died in these last 2 years of war. Until September 1994 Amélia stayed with an aunt in Machava, about 15 km. away from Maputo. Then she was sent to an uncle, her father's brother, in Moamba, her birthplace. A month later (October 7<sup>th</sup>. 1994) she ran into a landmine that was hidden there to protect the government army against rebels and their nightly infiltrations. After the signing of the peace pact UN troops were clearing the land from these mines but this was a lengthy process. With the explosion she lost the underpart of her left leg. Of her left hand only the thumb stayed intact. Also the left part of her body was heavily damaged by mine parts and splinters.

Immediately after the accident she was transported by a helicopter from the ONUMOZ (peace troops of UNO present in Mozambique from 1992 until 1996) to the General Hospital of Maputo. Here her life was saved but not her eyes, which were completely damaged by small mine splinters.

Amélia stayed in hospital for 11 months: 8 months on the surgery ward and 3 more months on the physiotherapy ward. In the first 3 months she was fostered by her aunt from Moamba; thereafter she was fostered almost daily by 2 Dutch volunteers Lucie Genet from Zetten and Carina Groot from Heerhugowaard, and also by Father André.

In September 1995 she was released from hospital and found shelter by a future employee of the Centre Mutanyana Weru. This Centre was opened on December 14<sup>th</sup>. 1995 and Amélia lived there from January 1996.

For some years she received physiotherapy and 'fine tuning' of her leg prosthesis. Finally after 5 years she re-started her studies.

In 1999 she attended the newly opened training facilities for handicapped people in Marracuene, 30 km north of Maputo. She stayed there from Monday till Friday; during the week-end she was home at the Centre Mutanyana Weru. From 1999 till 2003 she attended the elementary school and another 3 years high school. In the meantime she also had learned to read and write braille, the language for blind people,



and this meant another step forward in her learning process.

In 2007 and 2008 she live in the Centre Mutanyana Weru and finished her high school at a another school in town. In 2009 she started a new study, preparing for university education.

From 2010 to now she studies Sociology at the Eduardo Mondlane University of Maputo. Currently

she works on her essay for obtaining her licentiate next year. It should also be noted that during the last 2 years of her university studies she lives on the university campus in a student apartment. This is a very time saving way because of very little travelling time, but at the same time this means much higher costs. Despite several attempts she never received a scholarship.



These costs are carried by You, our sponsors with the heart on the right place.



Amélia has a very strong perseverance and her motto during her revalidation period, and also during her study, always has been: "where there is a will, there is a way".

way".

Of course we will keep you informed on further developments of Amélia's study.

#### 4. Finances:

Every quarter Father André receives our contribution and he is very happy with the continuous flow of income. He can count on it and therefore use it for budgeting purposes. For 2013 this amount was €20000, as it was in the year before. During the latest Foundations board meeting it has been decided to keep this amount the same for 2014. Although the prognoses for the amount of donations in 2013 is expected to be less than €20000 we will sponsor Father André with this amount. The difference will have to come from our reserves. But we do have the reserves!

It is without saying that we count on your generous financial support!

#### 5. Donations and Legacies

We are only a small Foundation with the main goal to financially support Father André in his activities with handicapped woman and children in Maputo – Mozambique. We cannot organise large campaigns or spend money on advertising, but be assured that all your donated money comes at the right place. The current recession has led to raised costs for food, fuel, education, etc. not only in our country but these poorest countries, like Mozambique, have been hit most. In order to cope with this situation we need your financial 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. Finally

We wish you a merry Christmas time and good and healthy 2014.

[Thank you for your support!](#)

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