

Newsletter Mutanyana Weru, Fall 2014.

Here is our latest newsletter on our project in Mozambique. With a lot of inspiration Father André van Zon is managing the project .

1. Current situation 2014

The car Father André is using, is getting very old and needs major maintenance and repairs. Because of the high costs involved to get the car running properly and safely again Father André has decided to give up the car. He also will no longer need a driver and thus will save valuable money that can be used for other purposes. This decision also is a result of the recent robbery which cost Father André a lot of money. In the future the visits to the project members and their homes will be done by public transport. Because of this the frequency of his visits will be lower.

2. Visit to Maputo

Mrs. Monique Craemehr from Boxtel (NL) just recently paid a visit to Maputo and to Father André. She reported on the visit and gives a very good and actual idea of the status of the project. Because the report is too lengthy to publish in this newsletter we decided to put it on our website www.mutanyanaweru.nl. The Dutch version can already be found on the website and the English version will follow soon. The report is worth reading and we thank Monique for her input.

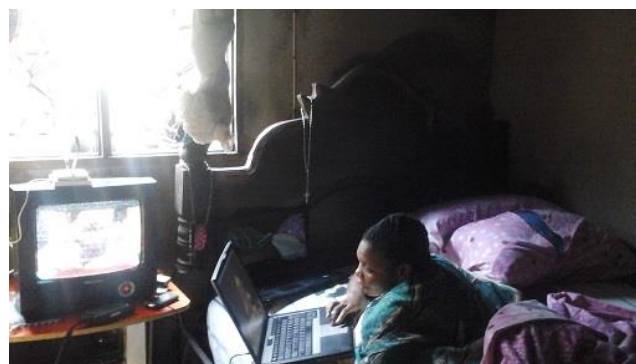


"for a lot of people he is like a father"

3. Biografy Telma da Gloria Pascoal

Father André wrote the following biography about one of his "children" : Telma was born December 25th. 1984 in Homoine, province of Inhambane, daughter of Pascoal Zualo and Isabel Pascoal. In 1986 her father divorced and took Telma with him to the district Benfica in Maputo. In 1992 her father started to work in South Africa and left Telma behind with his brother in another district of Maputo named T 3. On March 5th. 1996 Telma was sent to the market to buy some vegetables for supper. At a distance of about 200

meters from her home she fell on the ground. At that moment the reason of this could not be explained. The next morning she could not stand on her feet and was taken to the Central Hospital of Maputo. An X-Ray showed that a bullet was found nested in her spine. She was operated but the lower part of her body remained paralyzed. For three months she was treated in the hospital and received a lot of visits from her aunt and also from Father André. June 5th. 1996 Telma became a member of the Centre Mutanyan Weru. In 1997 and 1998 she was back in the hospital for a few weeks; earlier wounds from operations needed attention. She also had become bed sore caused of the long hours at school in a wheelchair. To make life a bit easier for her and to prevent her from bed sore, a British engineer had constructed a special bicycle for her on which she could lay down in staid of sit. With her hands she could operate and ride the bicycle. In order to avoid bed sore she also remained day and night on her belly! Telma stayed in the Centre Mutanyana Weru until early 2009. Since January 2009



she lives in the district Benfica again, together with some children she still knows from the Centre and who regard her like a mother. Telma has shown a lot of perseverance by going to school as much as she could and studies in the 11th. class of high school. Because of her vulnerable health situation she will stay dependent of help of others.

4. Financies

A former colleague of Father André in Maputo, Father Theo Ewals, - who lives in Holland now - visited Maputo and Father André. He held a presentation about this visit in the Brakkestein Convent (Nijmegen-NL) for about 100 listeners. This was the start of a special Advent action in this parish! The action is accompanied by a beautiful leaflet promoting to donate for our Foundation and thus supporting Father André. In the meantime the first financial results have been received by our treasurer. To us these sponsors are unknown but we thank them full hearted for their selfless gifts.

An overview of all donations this year, up to early November, strengthened the board of our Foundation

in its wish to continue the financial support for 2015 on the same level as in 2014 viz. € 20 000. Since we expect to receive this year less than € 20 000 it means that the missing amount has to come from our financial reserves.

This overview of donations also shows the current tendency that the number of smaller gifts is gradually going down and replaced by larger gifts, which are very often one time gifts. This is financially spoken a risky situation because if one or more larger gifts disappear and no new one replaces them, the effect on our total income will be substantially. So your gift continues to be important and very welcome, never mind its seize.

May we pls. Count on your extra gift?

In The Netherlands we are a so-called **ANBI** registered organization, meaning that in Holland the donations can be subtracted from your income tax.

5. **Festivities**

In our previous newsletter we already announced that 2015 will be a special year for Father André: he then celebrates 50 years of priesthood. Off course this event will not stay unnoted. He will come to Holland next summer to celebrate the event. Most likely the festivities will happen on the 3rd. Sunday in August (16 August 2015) and you are cordially invited to join the party. The program is being worked out currently by the family and details will be announced in our next newsletter.

6. **The agriculture project**

Monique Craemehr writes about this project in her report. The project provides the participating women own produced food for own use and the surplus food can be sold on the local market. It also is very important that this own income gives the women trust and self-esteem and also makes them less dependent of others.



"on its way to the fields"

7. **Finally**

We wish you merry Christmas and a very happy new year in good health.

[Thank you for your support!!](#)

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