

## Newsletter Mutanyana Weru, Fall 2016.

### 1. General situation in Maputo

Communication between Father André in Mozambique and his brother Sjef van Zon in The Netherlands is not working well.



The problem is most likely caused by the unreliable internet connection. This is the reason that his recent Samsung laptop also has problems with the communication.

Mid November however the system worked for a while and Sjef van Zon received 3 e-mail messages. Father André stated to be in good health and also that the project was fine.

Our chair member, Matthijs Theunissen, announced to leave for Mozambique with his partner in the beginning of December. He also will visit Father André and hopefully we will have some new pictures of the project that we can use for our next newsletter. Knowing the technical background of Matthijs (IT- specialist) the board specifically asked him to look into the communication problems and where possible to adapt the system in order to improve the e-mail and Skype communications. He also will reassess the project and help Father André where possible.

New elections are coming up and the political situation is troubled. The opposition went underground because they fear to be silenced and thrown in prison. So far in Maputo it is still quiet but travelling to the country needs a military escort!

Despite the fact the Dutch minister Ploumen has stopped the flow of (Dutch) money to Mozambique, there also is good news:

A consortium, headed by the Dutch engineering company Royal Haskoning, will start a big project in central Mozambique to improve the production of food. The project, as announced last Friday

(18/11), is financed by the World Bank. The consortium will develop and install an irrigation system for 3000 hectares of rice fields.

### 2. Drought

News sites on the internet report of the heaviest drought in 35 years in East Africa!

The Dutch site of the Red Cross reports:

“The phenomena ‘El Niño’ is responsible for extreme drought and the global warming of countries in East Africa. Water wells dry up, harvests are doomed to fail resulting in increased prices for food and people are threatened by starvation. If we do nothing, famine is threatening for 42 million people in East Africa. These people are in urgent need of emergency aid such as food, water and medicines”

Above information was on the internet news sites mid-November and now: by the end of November these sites report hundreds of death as a result of violent and long-lasting tropical rain in Malawi and Mozambique.

These people have to deal with and suffer a lot from these extreme weather conditions!.

You will understand the additional support is an absolute necessity for Father André and his people in their struggle to survive the period.

### 3. Finances

In 2016 our Foundation transferred the agreed amount of € 17500,00 to Father André in Mozambique. Transferring of money to him works well and according to plan.

The until now received donations justify the board's decision to again donate in 2017 the amount of € 17500,00 to the project of Father André .

**Donations** to our Foundation exist of:

- Fixed donations
- Varying donations

Fixed donations come from sponsors donating a fixed amount on monthly or annual basis. From the Foundations point of view this is an ideal situation because we can rely on this fixed income. Noteworthy are the regular gifts from the

Belgium based organisation named CENA , from Stichting Ontwikkelings Samenwerking St.Anthonis (OSSA) and from Stichting Missie & Ontwikkeling in Boekel – both local Dutch organisations.

Most donations to our Foundation however fall in the category *Varying*. Mostly this sort of donations exist of small amounts but there also are donations existing of larger amounts of money. To mention some: 2 years ago we received a considerable donation from the ‘Commijs Fund” and also there were the Advent and Fasting action in Nijmegen. Very recently we received €2700,00 from the ‘Wereldwinkel’ in Zetten (NL). This shop was liquidated and the money that was left has been shared among 4 charity organisations, one of them being our Foundation.

And 2 weeks ago we were pleased to receive the commitment of St. Petrus parish in Uden (including the so called ‘church villages’ Volkel, Zeeland, Odiliapeel, Boekel and Venhorst) to donate the results of this year’s Advent and Fasting action to our Foundation and thus to Father André.

And off course we should not forget all those people donating on a more or less regular basis, their financial contribution to the project of Father André.

**Thank you, thank you, thank you thousand times!**

*May we count on your special gift to help Father André and his people to survive the difficult times?*

#### **4. Finally**

We wish you all a very merry Christmas time and a good and healthy new year.

Thanks again for your support!!

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