

**Newsletter Mutanyana Weru,
Spring 2018**

1. General situation in Maputo

In our last newsletter (autumn 2017) we wrote: " *The government has announced this week that, pending the investigation into debts and corruption, neither this year nor next year the repayment of this debt will begin. As a result, this debt and the interest on that debt continues to rise. It is therefore anticipated that 2018 will become an even more difficult crisis year for Mozambique and its residents than 2017, with even higher prices and even greater unemployment and ever increasing poverty. "*



Father André visited us in May this year and during a conversation with the board of our foundation he told us that what was foreseen last year and written above, is now a reality. No good news.

However, good news is that the weather has not known any major extremes, such as surplus or too little rain and no great heat / drought. This will enable the agricultural project to produce better results.

In addition to the general situation, the board talked with Father André about the progress of the project in the longer term. He does not have to count on the future continuation his work from the Netherlands or Mozambique - there are no candidates who can / will take over.

That is why things have been discussed with Father André, such as necessary finances , priorities, communication, agriculture project, etc. and plans were made to ensure progress.

Father André is accountable in Maputo for: 120 adults, consisting of 20 men (5 of them are disabled) and 100 women (5 of them disabled). These men and women also have 120 children, including 45 children who are not yet attending school; the other children attend primary and secondary level education. The children on the secondary level are only allowed to attend classes when they have prescribed uniforms, which is a very large financial burden.

5 children and 15 older people are also zero positive and need medication.

In addition to all business matters, Father André told stories that amaze you. E.g. one of his protégées a 6-year-old girl was ill and went to the doctor. She examined her and sent her back with medication. In the afternoon her situation worsened in such a way that Father André decided to go to the central hospital with her. Here too she was examined and she had to be admitted. At the end of the afternoon our Father inquired at the hospital about her condition but she was not there; after a long search she turned out to have died !! What a painful thing !

2. Finance

In 2017 our Foundation transferred the agreed € 17 500 to the project in Maputo. In addition, there have been 2 extra deposits for emergency aid for a total of € 9000. Our Foundation has also received extra 'earmarked' amounts for specific purposes and these amounts have also been transferred (value € 5820.00). In this amount the proceeds of the Advent Action 2016 in Brakkenstein (€ 1200)

Thank you, thank you, thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to help.

And of course we thank all those people for their financial contribution to our Foundation, and thus to Father André . You make all this possible!

May count on an additional gift?

3. Visit Pauline Kuijpers

Pauline Kuijpers recently visited Maputo and was also with Father André. She wrote the following about this:

Meanwhile, back in the cold Netherlands, I try to describe the situation in Mozambique. We went out with Father André and it is bitter poverty everywhere. It cannot be expressed with words, you have to see it with your own eyes. On the pictures you see people who are blind, disabled, paralyzed due to a landmine. 20 years already a woman is lying on "bed" cannot walk and has the care for 4 children who are not her own. A blind woman lives in a chicken coop, another can only crawl on her knees.

If you see the "housing" you would want to take them to our rich country, where the care is for disabled and have decent toilets and showers. There everything is so dirty and primitive! Very sad. The kids have clothes with holes, cracks, rarely underpants! Once a day a "meal", no variation. Always corn cake and rice. Ok, fruit in abundance but that is not enough nutrition. Often they have to walk for miles to get water, and then back again. The contribution they get from Father André is a drop in the ocean.

But if you have nothing then everything is welcome, no matter how small the gift is. I have given clothes and shoes myself to a woman from the parish of Hub. She did not have shoes, believe me I've never seen anyone so happy.



On the way to Bebole the bad weather broke loose, the streets blank, the beach sand blew on the road and then you should not think about how things are going in the "houses". I have never experienced this. Terrible, and you can not do anything. It is now the 3rd time I was in Mozambique, but every time it is emotional again. A real culture shock! I hope that I have informed you sufficiently. If you have any questions, I'd love to hear it. Regards, Pauline Kuijpers.

4. And last but not least

We wish you a very good summer and a nice holiday time.

Thank you for your support !!!

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