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The arrival of Anthony and Joseph



The visas of both men are ready and they will travel to the Netherlands on 2 February 2023. On the 22nd they fly back again. The program for those weeks is in the works and it promises to be a few nice weeks in which they also get to know our culture better.

Jubileum

On February 27, it is now 6 years ago that Lwengo Kids Foundation officially started. For well-known reasons, we had to postpone this party. But there is no delay, because we invite you to

February 11th

Enjoy the party with us to celebrate and meet Anthony and Joseph. We would like to welcome you from about four o'clock at Christelijk College Groevenbeek in Putten. An official invitation by e-mail will follow. Due to the purchase of drinks and the meal, we would like to know how many people we can count on, to which you can already register by app, phone or mail. All data can be found at the top of this newsletter.



Work trip November 2022

All sponsors have received our travel report with the progress report of their sponsor-child(ren). If you are not a sponsor, but are still interested in our travel report, you can also download it on our website.

<https://www.lwengokids.nl/nieuwsbrieven-en-reisverslagen>

During our trip we are shocked by the enormous price increase that also causes problems in Uganda, including among our vulnerable sponsor children and their families.

Especially the boarding children have a hard time. They remain a whole term in school and have to make do with corn porridge and beans.



Starting this year, our sponsor parents with boarding children have been asked to increase their contribution from 240 to 250 euros. This way we can absorb the worst blow (for the time being).

You have read our story about our meeting with Rosemary in the travel report; just a girl who comes to ask us if we also have a sponsor for her. Touching and happy we were able to help her, but there are still a lot of Rosemary's around in Lwengo. Take a look around your network to see if you can get someone interested in our work! It would be a fantastic start to the new year!



Update Rihana

Rihana is at school for the time being. There is a lovely lady who takes care of a number of children who cannot go home with the holidays and she also wants to take care of Rihana.

We have also made an application to the Liliane Fund. Whether that yields anything is not yet clear. We will continue to search until we have found the best solution for Rihana. To be continued!

Our next worktrip

In April Pieter and Marga go on a work trip together again. Any sponsors who want to travel with us can register from now on. We go for three weeks ourselves, but of course you can also join for the first 10 days, for example. There are several possibilities that we would like to discuss with you.

Date for this trip is in principle planned from Sunday 23 April to 14 May.

Kip and rice Christmas promotion

It was again a great action this year. From the moment I started sending the mail to our sponsors with the request to join the chicken and rice Christmas campaign again, our bank account grew by leaps and bounds and in no time we were able to deposit the money so that all children and their families can eat a delicious chicken again at Christmas. Again something different than corn porridge and beans!

Deaf Class Lwerudeso

We also have some deaf children in sponsorship. Two sign language interpreters translate what the regular teacher tells the children. That obviously causes unrest for both groups of children in the classroom. A big wish is therefore to realize separate classrooms specifically for the target group. And that costs money and we don't have that on the shelf.

On 21 December, wij (Pieter and Marga) will hold a pitch at a Charity Wealth Fund to raise the necessary money. That is quite exciting, because it is a large amount.

We will do our best and of course keep you informed.

Christelijk College Groevenbeek Putten/Ermelo



The young people at this school have made a huge effort for our Foundation.

In the corona years they have organized all kinds of activities and with all this they have raised the enormous amount of 41,000 euros. We were very surprised! With this amount we have now let 11 children go back to school. The parents of these children have lost their jobs during the corona period and can no longer pay the school fee for the time being.

During the spring break Pieter will visit these children himself with four pupils and 2 teachers from Groevenbeek. How amazing is that! These will be our best ambassadors!

And... College Groevenbeek has promised to work with us for at least another two years. And of course we don't say no to that!



As a foundation, we are a member of Partin, the interest group for private initiatives. On December 3rd. our board members Harry and Pieter participated in the Partindag with about 100 fellow Charity organizations. They have visited various workshops on the subject of, among other things, "realizing applications to Vermogens-fondsen". We want to realize a lot in Lwengo and constantly need money for that, hence. Useful workshops, many new ideas and inspiration gained. In addition, Harry attended a workshop that explained how to make Podcasts or how to deal with social media. Pieter watched a documentary about a Deaf school in Kampala. He gained many new insights for the expansion of deaf education in Lwengo (see the article about this elsewhere in this newsletter). An inspiring day and it is very good to build up network contacts with fellow Charities.



Mortuarium open



Some time ago we informed you about Pieter's plans to operate a refrigerated mortuary in Masaka. The objective is to use the proceeds of this activity, after repayment of the loans, partly for Lwengo Kids Foundation and partly for other projects in our working area.

The first ideas date from 2018. Covid 19 and in particular a poor, and especially slow-acting contractor have caused a delay of 11/2 years . But now the time has finally come, on January 12th the mortuary will be officially opened. Now let's hope that the Ugandans will make use of this service.

We are confident but time will tell.

You are informed again.

We would like to thank you very much for your involvement with our and your foundation in the past year.

Together we can make a difference!

All that remains for us is to wish you a very good Christmas and a good start to 2023.

And remember: no one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone!!



We look forward to seeing you on February 11th at our sponsor day!

Sincerely,

on behalf of the board of Lwengo Kids Foundation,

Marga Streefkerk

