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Because it was another impressive trip for us, we would like to take you on our trip to Lwengo.

For the sponsors there is of course also a personal email with photos of their sponsor child (ren), but that requires a little more time.

We first had some bumps to take in the Netherlands, but after the visa was received digitally and the PCR test indicated "negatif", we could go to Uganda with reasonable peace of mind.

After a successful journey we arrived in Masaka and the work in Lwengo could be further prepared.

The school is still closed. The schools are expected to reopen in January 2022. We are then 2 years, with a break of 6 weeks, further before these children get education again. Little by little there has been some homeschooling, but that is negligible.

The sponsor money (the school fee) is spent on the costs that the school simply entails. For example, some of the staff remained employed. The floors of the classrooms have also been repaired and the walls have been refreshed. The parents of children who are not in sponsorship no longer paid a school fee, because they too have difficulty keeping their heads above water. Anthony would have been in serious trouble if we had let him know. After all, everything would have been for nothing... and that's the last thing we want! Thank you for your tremendous trust in us, in Anthony and his staff. They are more than worthy of our trust!



We visited the new sponsor children at home, we also visited the children with a disability at home as much as possible.

The other childrengoto school in groups and so we are in 6 days almost all sponsorchildren.

In the period that we could not go to Uganda, we added a lot of contact via the app and mail with Anthony. This way we could still make the necessary decisions. For example, we heard that grandma of our multiple disabled Rihana was seriously ill. She could no longer take care of the girl. Together with Anthony we have gathered information about her care possibilities and we have found a good place where she receives the right treatments and care. Of course we visited and saw Rihana with a smile on her face. Fantastic!



We are also aware that the older children with a disability often just walk around. Even though the school would be open, these young people have actually become too old for Lwerudeso Primary School.

For them we have visited a school that young people from 15 to 25 years with a disability, teach, for example, leatherworking, metal technique, woodworking, sewing, etc. They receive a year of guidance / lessons and then a toolbox with which they can do something themselves. Of course under supervision. We are going to work on this together with Anthony.

Due to the corona, we see the poverty in Lwengo increasing. And you sometimes wonder: will it ever be okay again.... Under other the one-sided eating worries us and can be so much better. Our enthusiasm wins again and we make plans with Joseph and Anthony to develop moes gardens under supervision. We will also further develop this plan.

We see almost all the children who have come to school with or without parents and what are they and we happy to see each other again and to get a sign of life from you!

We bought a small gift for the young children, a keychain with a light. The older children have a four-colour pen. A hit in the bull's eye, we see radiant eyes again and how the children have grown despite all the hardships. We have not seen most of the children for 2 years! You will see it in the personal mail!



On our last day, we met group 7 (who all passed!) the promised cake. A large number of middelbare pupils were also present.

Impressive was the story of Axum and Jesca. They spoke to the young people (and us) present to motivate them to persevere and to take the study seriously. Axum is ready on St. Kizito's Technical Institute and Jesca has completed 4 years of Nakyenya Secondary School. Axum's father passed away last year. His mother had died some time ago. He has to do it all by himself. He tells the others that he has been helped so much by his sponsor and experiences a lot of support from Lwengo Kids. The children, mostly group 7, sit dead silently listening. Axum wants to continue learning until he can teach at a Technical School himself. Jesca wants to become a nurse. Jesca also has an impressive story about her origins and studies so far. With respect, the children also listen to her story and we watch what a positive influence this has on the children. We are moved.

Both sponsors of these young people are willing to support them further, which both Axum, Jesca and we are very happy with! Both are now waiting for the schools to reopen and they can continue with their further education.

With difficulty we say goodbye after 2.5 weeks to share all our experiences with you. It was a good trip and we got a lot of inspiration. Full of confidence and with you as a constituency, we continue our beautiful work with many enthusiasms!

How good it was that we were there!

Best regards,

Pieter and Marga Streefkerk



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