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What's it like in Lwengo

I have not been able to see our children in Lwengo for more than a year and I have to tell you, that hurts quite a bit. My first vaccination has arrived and as soon as I have received the second one and everything is safe, I can also go to Uganda again to resume work. Pieter has now been twice because of his work for the morgue, about which he will briefly tell something himself. Fortunately, he also had time to go to Lwengo for a day and discuss the necessary things with Anthony.

It is nice that we have good contact with Anthony via whatsapp. If there are any specifics, we have quickly shared and resolved them.

After a year of sitting at home, on April 6 all the children have finally gone back to school and Anthony is busy organizing things. All children will probably have to take a test to see what level they are at now and what group they are going to (government measure). There will be children who can continue, but most children will have to take a year because of disadvantage. In Lwengo, of course, there was no distance education (digital), which made teaching very difficult. The children in Primary 7 have already started school in October. They are prepared for the PLE (Primary Leaving Examination). That has now decreased and we are waiting for the results. Regarding sponsor parents will of course be notified when the results are in.



Your sponsorship money has been put to good use in the past year; Half of the staff had to go home, but

the teachers who stayed had to be paid anyway. Medicines have been purchased for the Health Center and extra food aid has been given. A cow has also been bought so that there is milk for the children. Anthony has documented everything well and accounted for it to us. And we can tell you: it's accurate on the shilling!

The dormitories have now been put into use and the Health Center is well visited. Medicines are now being provided for which people used to have to travel a long way. The medicines for HIV are free, but the trip has to be paid for, for which there is no money. So that's fantastic progress! The medicines require refrigerators and therefore electricity. That flow is often a problem in Lwengo, but cannot be missed due to perishable medicines. Anthony really wants solar panels, so they don't just depend on power anymore. It's great that we have found a sponsor who wants to pay for the solar panels. The panels will be installed this month. A fantastic development that we are very happy with! A sponsor has also guaranteed the medical costs of all sponsor children for the year 2021.

In order to be able to arrange things even more tightly, we are setting up an NGO Lwengo Kids Foundation Uganda (foundation on site). It is still in its infancy. We will keep you informed.

In short, we are happy with all the work that can continue in this COVID-19 period.

Marga Streefkerk

Annual report and financial report

The annual report and the financial report of Lwengo Kids Foundation can now be read on the website. The website is regularly updated so it is always worthwhile to take a look every now and then and read new current information. Definitely recommended to enthuse your friends and acquaintances for our foundation.

Teaching package

We are working on a teaching package for primary education. In the form of a theme week, schools can introduce their pupils to children who grow up in less favourable circumstances than they do, but of course we highlight Lwengo in particular. The teaching package is divided into lower, middle and upper school. Still in development, but as soon as this is ready, more information will of course follow. This will also be discussed on the website soon.

Website Lwerudeso

Lwerudeso, our school in Lwengo, now has its own website. In collaboration with Anthony and his close associates, Marga has developed this site so that this website is also up-to-date again. It is important to put the school on the map digitally in this way as well. Also for you as a sponsor, very interesting to be able to see what we do our best for! Take a look at this website, it is very worthwhile.

www.lwengo-uganda.com.



Directors

As is customary within a board, a board member has a certain term of office. Lwengo Kids Foundation has set this in its policy plan at 4 years. In November, two incumbent board members will leave the board, namely Wim Bos (treasurer) and Hetty Kuipers (general board member and PR).

We are urgently looking for a treasurer. Is there perhaps someone among you who would like to do this for the foundation, that would be great!

For more information, please contact our chairman Pieter Streefkerk.

Fundraising

Like any foundation that supports charities, Lwengo Kids Foundation is also looking for extra funds to secure and start current but also new projects. Money may be a "dirty" word but unfortunately a necessary thing to be able to realize this. Within our board I can actively engage in fundraising. However, it is not easy to find new contacts. Within our own network as a board, we are always looking for new sponsors and contacts who we could and may approach to contribute to our foundation in any way. To you, as a loyal sponsor, we would like to ask if you would like to think (and also pass on to us) whether there are still people, organizations or companies within your

network that I could approach for this. This would be great and very welcome. I'd love to hear from you!

Harry Hoorn, tel. 06 2126 5752



Mortuary project

In January and March last. I have been to Uganda again. The primary goal was the mortuary project. As you may know, with two Dutch partners, I am going to build and operate a modern, refrigerated morgue in Masaka. There is a great need for this in Uganda. The container finally got on its way last week. By container ship via Mombasa (Tanzania) to Kampala and then to Masaka, where we have a location on the grounds of the Kitovu Hospital. The objective of this project is to generate money - after repayment of this investment - for Lwengo Kids Foundation and other humanitarian projects in the Masaka region. We have suffered a delay of one and a half years due to Covid-19 but now hope to have the morgue operational by the end of August / beginning of September. We'll keep you posted!

Pieter Streefkerk, tel. 06 1330 3074

On behalf of the board

We hope that this year there will be another opportunity to travel to Uganda and see all the children again and to be able to make a comprehensive report of each child. The telephone/digital contacts are there weekly via Marga and Pieter, but remote remains very different from visiting them yourself. In the meantime, we will continue to support Lwengo where necessary with your contribution.

For now, we wish you a beautiful summer and above all good health!

Kind regards, Hetty Kuipers (PR)