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You will receive the first Newsletter of 2022 and with that we would like to wish you, as sponsors and interested parties, a *good and above all healthy 2022* .

We start this newsletter by thanking everyone who surprised us with a donation or a spontaneous, positive response to our feedback from the children's trip in October. In the last months of 2021 we were also surprised by the many, fantastic gifts. For us a huge incentive to continue our beautiful work.

In this newsletter we want to take a look back at the past year, reflect on what we are doing now and look ahead, because 2022 is a special year, more about that later

What was.....

These were difficult times for the children in Lwengo. Due to the restrictions regarding Covid 19, the schools have been closed for two years. Unfortunately, there is no digital distance education for these children, so the children have fallen behind enormously. Parents have lost their income or moved to a region where there were more opportunities to get a job. As a result, children have also moved with them. As far as sponsor children were concerned, there has been close contact between the Foundation and the relevant sponsors about the difficulties and possibilities. We are happy that we were able to think in terms of possibilities. The Ugandan government has decided that the children who come back to school can "just" skip a class. This seems worrying to us, but Anthony, director of the Lwerudeso school, has assured us to monitor this per pupil and lessons will also be given on Saturdays to get the children to the desired level, where possible. Nationally, 30% of children do not return to school after the Covid-19 period. For example,



because parents have lost their jobs and no longer have money to let the children go to school. Anthony and his staff try to accommodate this by the unsponsored children the first term of

3 months no school fees to be charged provided the outstanding bills have been paid. This gives the parents the space to generate income and pay school fees. Hopefully, this will prevent parents from keeping the children at home.



Due to the measures that also applied here last year, Pieter and Marga managed to visit Lwengo last October. All new sponsor children have been visited at home and the children with disabilities have also been seen at home. The other children came to school in their best clothes. It was a heartwarming reunion and a successful trip for all parties! A report of this trip can be found on our website.

On the website you can also find the annual report and the financial statement. In the fall, there were also some board changes. After four years, Wim Bos (treasurer) and Hetty Kuipers (PR) handed over the "board baton" to Erik Koster and Liesbeth van Musscher respectively. For the full composition of the board plus the tasks, please refer to the website. We would like to thank the retiring members once again for their loyal efforts in recent times.

What is.....

Very recently we look back on a successful olieballen campaign here in the Netherlands that raised a nice amount for the foundation.

The "Chicken with rice" campaign that we held for the 2nd time this year was also a great success.

At the moment, the pig and goat project is going well. After a somewhat difficult start-up in which a virus circulated among the pigs and many died, things are now going very well. New pigs of a stronger breed have been purchased. A second stable has been built to expand the project. After all, we are getting more and more sponsor children...

During the October trip, Pieter and Marga saw that the food is very one-sided. After discussions, there are now far-reaching plans for a "vegetable garden project". A pilot in which a number of parents are given the opportunity to receive training in growing crops will start in mid-February. Seeds/cuttings and tools are left. Joseph, originally a farmer, will give this training with the aim that the parents pass on their knowledge to others.

We visited Rihana, one of our sponsor children with severe physical disabilities, at her new place. Here she is better off, receives physiotherapy, massages and she can also receive lessons at her level. At school there are still a number of young adults with a disability for whom Anthony will see if they can qualify for the vocational school, Here they can learn a trade and with a toolbox and the necessary guidance also get their own place in society.



In addition to the Primary and Secondary School students, we now also have students for further vocational training.

We are proud of Axum, which will follow a teacher training in Masaka to become a teacher of

automotive technology.



Jesca who started the training for teacher and

Fred who has completed his first internship at the hospital.

Also new for the Foundation and when the question came up that Axum needed a laptop and Fred a mobile for their studies, we had to switch gears. The mobile was not a problem, we do get it left and right. But the laptop was a different story. It was decided to purchase a laptop for Axum, which remains the property of the Foundation. He is very happy with it and regularly lets us know how happy he is!



What's coming.....

Of course we hope for peace. That education can be resumed. Children who are not safe at home or live too far away can "board" again. But also practically there are still wishes for which we are looking for possibilities.

At the Health Centre we would like to realize 2 infirmaries, so that patients do not have to go home immediately after a procedure but can receive the care that is needed. The delivery room is now a room with a bed and a table. We would very much like a well-equipped delivery room with all the necessary materials. A water pump at the Health Center for clean drinking water is also essential.

At the school we would like to realize three extra classrooms so that the deaf children who now have to participate in the classroom can receive separate lessons, which would be an improvement for both these children and the hearing children.

We are now focusing on these above wishes. But we also hope to be able to become active again in the Netherlands. A number of enthusiastic sponsors are busy making the pub quiz again. We hope that this will be possible again in the spring.



And then..... "Last but not least" a party..... On February 28, 2017 *Lwengo Kids Foundation* saw the light of day, now 5 years later we can celebrate the **1st lustrum**. A reason for gratitude. We won't let this pass. You will receive further information about this in the short term.

It remains for us to say that without your contribution in any form, we cannot do nearly as much. Together we can work on a better future for the children in Lwengo.

Best regards,

On behalf of the board Lwengo Kids Foundation

Liesbeth van Musscher

Call: We are looking for sponsors for children who go to Secondary School (€ 450,-per year). Others are of course also very welcome! Do you think along with us? Thanks!

EXTRA CALL for Nakirijja Racheal



In 2014, the first children completed their primary education at the LWERUDES0 school, including Nakirijja Racheal.

In the meantime, she has completed her sixth grade at St. Bernards College Kiswera Secondary School with good results.

But Racheal has ambitions and wants to move on. She wants to obtain the Uganda Petroleum Institute Diploma in Upstream Petroleum in Kigumba.

A special study, a special girl. And how fantastic it would be if we could realize this for her!

Because she achieved very good results, she receives support from the government, but that is insufficient, because her parents cannot afford the personal contribution of € 500,--. The training lasts 3 years.

Racheal took the plunge and went to Anthony and asked if he could help her.

He hasn't asked us anything, he doesn't want to... But we saw it on Facebook. We had a brief consultation with Anthony and offered our help, which of course he accepted with both hands.

The question, of course, is whether you know someone who wants to sponsor Racheal. We'd love to hear from you!

