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### Dear sponsors and interested parties,

2024 is in full swing again and we have already spent a lot of hours behind the laptop to register new children, speak to sponsors, but also the annual report and the 2023 financial statements had to be made. We have made new group lists, because most children have moved up a class. Sponsor parents of group 7 have received their letter regarding the increase in the sponsorship amount. In January, a large number of payment requests were sent out. In short, at the beginning of a new year, especially the treasurer and the secretariat have a lot of work to close the previous year and "open" the new year again.

### Expansion of the board

And that is why it is particularly nice that we can expand our board with Michaël and Arenda Vermeulen. They introduce themselves to you:



*As brand new board members of Lwengo Kids Foundation, we would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are Michaël and Arenda Vermeulen and together we have two daughters (15 and 13). We live in*

*Putten. Michaël works as a biology teacher at a secondary school in Ermelo and Arenda works as a freelancer in communication. In his spare time, Michael enjoys baking bread, gardening, windsurfing and working out in the gym. Arenda loves walking and reading.*



*We look forward to contributing to the work of Lwengo Kids Foundation. We are impressed by the Foundation's work and the impact it has on so*

*many children in the Lwengo region of Uganda. Arenda will take over part of the communication activities from Marga and Michaël will take over a number of tasks from Pieter.*

We wish them a lot of fun and success with their work for our beautiful Foundation!

### Progress of projects



Do you remember this picture from the previous newsletter? The children who are eligible for the Family Home. We can tell you that the money has

been transferred to Anthony and that he is in the process of getting the necessary materials to the destination to start construction. I think we can see the beginnings of this beautiful project during our next visit!

The projects we mentioned last time have largely been realized and a new project list is ready to be discussed. Strengthening the local organization in Lwengo is of paramount importance. Then we think of a strong right hand for Anthony, stable education by attracting good teachers. But also the leveling and paving of the schoolyard, the construction of the deaf classes, etc.

As soon as there are photos, you can always find them on our website under the "projects" tab.

### The website

The website is regularly updated to show the progress of our projects. But you will also find the agenda of all activities, board meetings, trips, etc. This year, at the beginning of the year, we suddenly had four children without a sponsor. That was a bit

of a hard pill to swallow. Social Media was called in, but it also gave me the idea to create a page specifically asking who these children wanted to sponsor. And it worked. At the end of February we had found a sponsor for all the children. I have consulted with Anthony to keep this page on the website. So from now on you will find children there who also want to go to school so badly. Especially little ones, because we have to make sure that enough children stay at our Lwerudeso Primary School. This school year, 20 children have moved on to the Secondary School and have therefore left the Primary School.

I would say: spread the word! Click on the picture and you are directly on the relevant page.



### PubQuiz

On the 19th of April there will be another fun PubQuiz. You can register with Peter Sennema individually or with a team of up to 6 people. His number is 06 3741 7783 or via [p.sennema@chello.nl](mailto:p.sennema@chello.nl). Hurry to register (before April 10th), because full is really full in this case!

The evening will take place in the auditorium of Christelijk College Groevenbeek and starts at 20.00 hrs. Costs for this evening are € 10,- p.p. including coffee or tea upon arrival.

You can find the school at Korenlaan 1 in Putten. By the way, did you know that CC Groevenbeek is a major sponsor of our Foundation?

### Work trip Pieter and Marga

And then the time has come again that we, Pieter and Marga, will fly to Uganda on April 1st to monitor the many administrative work from behind the laptop, now in person.

We are looking forward to seeing all the children again, looking at all the projects and discussing and sharing the problems, concerns and especially new ideas with each other.

All sponsors have now received an invitation to give a greeting for their sponsor child. Haven't thought of it yet? I get it, but your sponsor child is really waiting for it, so if you still have some time...

If you still have a mobile phone lying around that is no longer used, but can still be reused, we would

like to give it a second life with one of our students. They need a mobile phone to keep school appointments and carry out assignments. Of course, it's not fun to always have to hitch a ride on a friend's mobile phone, but we can't possibly provide every student with a new mobile phone, so if you still have one lying around, please do! With charger and un-locked.

### Update information booklet

All sponsors receive an information booklet with the necessary information about our Foundation, Uganda, Lwerudeso and the school system when registering their sponsor child. Especially the latter is often unclear and that is why we have described a Step-by-step plan from "Baby Class to University" and added it to the information booklet. Incidentally, the [Step-by-Step Plan](#) can also be found on the website. We hope that this will create more clarity when it comes to further education and its costs.

By the way, the idea is to develop a completely new edition of this in honor of our 10th anniversary in 2027, but that will take a while and we will leave it to Arenda with love!

This was my last newsletter. I have always enjoyed doing it, but I am also happy that Arenda is going to take over so that I can focus more on the children again, on paper, but also in real life! The next newsletter will be published in September and will therefore be provided by Arenda. Good luck Arenda!

On behalf of the board of the Lwengo Kids Foundation,  
Marga Streefkerk