



## Newsletter 2009-3

### Welcome

This is the fifth newsletter of the ZULUWE foundation. A foundation that offers personal help on a small scale in South Africa, with a focus on sustainable aid, to build a brighter future through education

Since our last newsletter, some time ago, everything has been going well. This Christmas we will go to South Africa to celebrate Christmas and New-year with the Mkhwanazi family. In South Africa Christmas is at the height of summer and so we will probably enjoy a barbeque, or braai, as it's known in South Africa, for our Christmas meal.

Last July two of our contributors (Ruben & Jolanda) visited South Africa on holiday. They took the opportunity to meet the family in person. They stayed in the family home for a couple of days and In this newsletter you can read more about their experiences!



Cebo cooking a braai



Mbali & Vincent

### Progress in the family

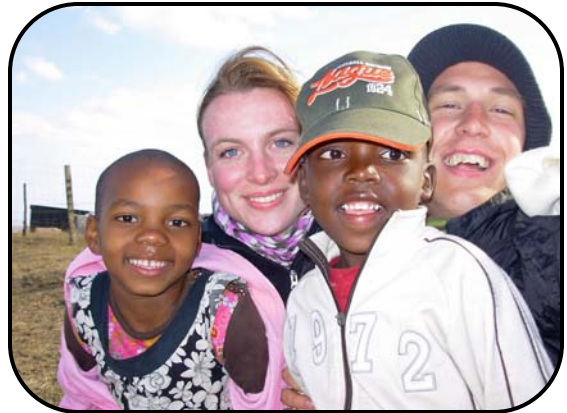
The whole family are doing well. Vincent, the father of the family, found a good job in Ithala Game Reserve as a manager of the workshop. He is responsible for all the tools, cars etc and leads a team that carries out repairs and small jobs in the reserve.

Mbali, the mother of the family, signed up for teacher training at the Zululand University. Hopefully she will be able to start her studies in February 2010. There is a possibility that she can already start to work part time after her first year. After four years she will complete her studies and will have a good chance to find a well paid job as a primary school teacher. This is not an easy thing to do in Zululand and would form a good financial basis for the whole family!

## Contributors visit the family!

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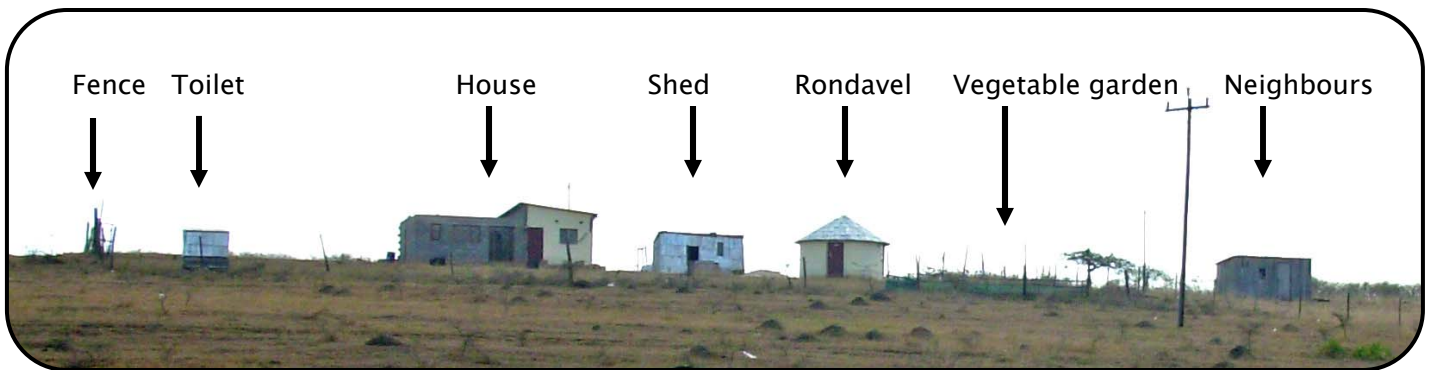
This summer we met the Mkhwanazi family. This was extremely nice and very special for us. We would like to tell you something more about our meeting. From the airport at Johannesburg we drove through to Ithala Game Reserve: Vincent (the father of the family) has a job over there as the manager of the workshop.



Sinothiso, Jolanda, Xolisani & Ruben

After a two day stay in Ithala we continued our journey on a bumpy road and when it was dark we finally reached the family's house, alongside the road to Mtubatuba. We got a warm welcome with big hugs from Mbali and the children: Cebisile, Sinothiso, Nzuzo and also from Vincent's cousin Nonvula and her son Xolisani and Mbali's brother S'gu. While we enjoyed a lovely meal and cola after our long journey, the family enjoyed themselves with the clothes and presents we brought them. We got a whole fashion show and the children played with their new toys. This reminded us of a good "Sinterklaas" evening (a Dutch celebration). After this first meeting it was time to go to our own rondavel to sleep.

The next morning we were woken early by the chickens and the children who had to go to school. We were able to have a first view on where we were as the sun lit the place. From the rondavel we saw Mbali's vegetable garden, where they had to use a lot of effort to chase out the neighbours goats. The family is also busy extending their small house with some more rooms. After a nice breakfast with "Ujeqe" with butter and sugar we left with Vincent for Mtubatuba, a 20 minute journey from the Mkhwanazi-homestead.



First we visited Sinothiso's school, Mtubatuba Primary School. We were welcomed by the enthusiastic teachers and spoke to the principal and Sinothiso's teacher. She explained how they work in the class: this week they were busy with the theme "patterns". The next week they were going to work on the theme "transport". The teacher showed us the methods and material they worked with. We also got a beautiful drawing of a turtle, done by Sinothiso. The teacher called Sinothiso a "darling". In the mean time Vincent was arranging things for the school photos they were going to take soon. Next we visited the Mtubatuba Christian Academy, Cebisile's school. Here we were also welcomed by an enthusiastic head teacher and Cebisile's teacher and class-assistant of.



Tekening Sinothiso



They told us a lot about the methods they use in the class. Each student works at his or her own paces and targets. Subjects that students find easy they can do quickly and so leave more time for those they find more difficult. Education suited to the demands of the child. Unfortunately we couldn't see Cebisile working in the computer classroom due to a powercut. Computer science is one of Cebisile's strongest subjects, also due to the fact she has a computer at home now. Her teacher told us that Cebisile is doing very well at school. Her English is making huge progress at the moment and that was well reflected in her report.

Altogether it was fantastic to be at the children's schools and we were very impressed by the hospitality and explanations of the teachers. We are convinced that this works very well for the children and that the children are making the most of it. After a visit to the Hardware shop we went back home to Mbali & co.

Here we played with the little ones, until the older children came back from school. We found that Xolissani is a real soccer player and Nzuzo kept talking, joking and cheering everybody up. After a visit to Vincent's parents it was time to get Kentucky Fried Chicken for the whole family. Back at home we ate the KFC by candle light as there was another power cut. This was the perfect time for a scary story. So Cebisile told us a story about Pinky pink, a creature that is half boy, half girl. Pinky pink waits for you at the toilet outside if you have pink clothes on you .... (I had pink clothes on ..... brrrrrrrrrr)





Nzuzo - Pip, pip, haleeeee!

While chewing on the chicken drums Nzuzo started to sing loudly: "Happy birthday to you ... happy birthday to you ... pip, pip, haleeeee .... pip, pip, haleeeeeee". Cebisile wrote a letter to her pen friend in Holland. She wrote about her favourite subjects at school (Maths and computer science) and that she liked soccer and athletics. Another cosy night again.

We spent some very nice and entertaining days with the family: going out to Mtubatuba together, a day in the game reserve with Vincent and Mbali and talking around the fire at night, playing with the kids ... But unfortunately everything comes an end to and we had to move on. We had a wonderful time with these lovely people were we felt ourselves really welcome. If it is up to us we will definitely visit them again!

Ruben & Jolanda

## Sinothiso

Sinothiso is doing very well in grade R. Around Christmas time we will meet her teacher and hear everything about her school results. So there will be more about her results in the next letter. Below you find the daily program and rules of her class.



GRADE R : 2009	Daily Programme.
7:30 - 7:50	EARLY Morning ring
7.50 - 8:00	Toilet routine
8:00 - 8:30	School readiness
8:30 - 9:20	Free play : outside / cognitive / playdough / drawing
9:20 - 9:25	Tidy up
9:25 - 9:35	Toilet routine
9:35 - 9:50	Snack time
9:50 - 10:00	Free play - outside
10:00 - 10:20	Ringtime - Music / movement / theme
10:20 - 11:00	Phonics
11:00 - 11:10	Toilet ring routine
11:10 - 11:40	Free play : outside / cognitive / Fantasy area / block area
11:40 - 11:50	Tidy up
11:50 - 12:20	Hand out H / work books. Storytime.

Rules.
1. NO Bad behaviour, like swearing, fighting in class.
2. Badly behaved children will sit on the <del>my</del> naughty chair.
3. No shouting to the teacher, lift your hand for any help.
4. All litter must be put into the bin.
5. Greet a teacher that visits even the caretaker.
6.
7.

## Cebo



Cebisile finished her second year at her new school now and her progress is amazing. She keeps up with the pace of work at school. Learning the required blocks of study material. Each block ends with a test. At normal schools you can pass with around 40% to 50% in test results. At Cebisile's school however she can only continue if she gets 80% or higher. This means that she really understands her work! On her report all block test results are more than 90%!!

Her progress isn't really visible in her grades (percentages) because they will always be above 80% but You can measure her progress by the amount of blocks she finishes in a year. At the moment she is doing very well. After a slow start because she couldn't speak English well enough she is now really speeding up!

Her teacher wrote on her report:

Cebisile is showing great progress on her academics. She is at grade 3 level for all subjects now (she started at grade 1) and her reading is also improving, Well done!

### Best for last!

We were very surprised and really proud to hear that Cebisile won two awards at school this year. The first award was the "progress award" for the student that showed the most progress in her class. The second award was the "Grace awakening school award (Trophy), this award she got for showing a godly character even when faced with difficult situations. This is a prestigious award that goes to only one student a year in the whole school. She won a Trophy and a book.

So she is really making the most of the chance we are offering her!



*Mtuba Christian Academy*





## About ZULUWE

ZULUWE is an official foundation, registered by the Dutch Chamber of Commerce and the Dutch tax and customs administration. The focus is on providing sustainable help to build a brighter future through education for children of disadvantaged families in South Africa

At present we support 3 children from one family. Two of these children are attending school, the third is too young but we intend to offer her the chance of a good education in the future.

In addition to paying school fees, we also collect clothes for these and other children. With more support we can begin to help many of the other deserving families in the area by also giving their children the opportunity to get a decent education. In the future we also hope to support local rural schools.

## Join us!

We are still in need of more people who are willing to help in funding the educational future of these and other children. To make sure they get the education they deserve join us by giving a monthly donation. At the moment we need 120 euro a month to pay for the education of the children.

You can send your monthly donation to:  
**bank account: 5206721 to the attention of Stichting ZULUWE te Nijmegen (Netherlands).**

**Even a small monthly donation, makes a big difference for these children!**



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