



Newsletter 2008-2

Welcome

This is the second newsletter of the ZULUWE foundation. A foundation that offers personal help on a small scale in South Africa. The focus is on sustainable aid to build a brighter future through education. This newsletter will be an update of the latest activities of our foundation. Especially about the main project that's running now (the Mkhwanazi kids). During our stay in South Africa (summer 2008) we visited the schools again, brought new clothes and spent some time with the family of the children.



Cebo working on her paces at the Mtuba Christian School

Cebo

Since January 2008 Cebo has been attending the Mtuba Christian School. This school is working with a system that differs from other schools. Every student is working at their own level in "Paces". During her intake at this school, they found that Cebo's English, reading and writing was poor. So she has been started in grade 1 (while her age group belongs in grade 6!). This shows the need for an improved education in a higher quality school. Last year she didn't speak at all and now, six months later, she could communicate relatively well with us in English.

Initially we wanted to sign Cebo up for another school, which is a great school, and cheaper than the Mtuba Christian school. But this school uses classroom training which would mean that Cebo wouldn't get the individual attention she needs. Considering Cebo's arrears and the fact that they only teach in English, Cebo wouldn't be helped by putting her in this school. She really enjoys going to the Mtuba Christian school.

Snothiso

We visited Snothiso's school (Rainbow pre-primary) and discussed her report. It says that she enjoys school very much, that she is getting along with the other children and that she loves to sing and listen to music. She is also beginning to express herself better (in English).

We would like to enroll Snothiso at the Mtuba Primary school. This is the most popular school in the area because they have the best facilities and education for a reasonable price.

Unfortunately the school has long waiting lists because of its popularity. This year they started their own Grade R, and we filled in an application form to try and get her into this class. To get the right school at the right time is really important. The Mtuba primary school usually takes children from their own pre-primary school and the Mtuba pre-primary school. The only good high school in the area only takes children from the Mtuba primary school, the Umfolozi primary school and the Mtuba Christian Academy. This means that if you start at the wrong school, your chances to get enrolled at a proper school are very slim!



Snothiso singing together with her classmates at the Rainbow pre-primary school.



Snothiso on the stairs outside of her school building.

We talked with the principal of the Mtuba primary school who advised us to enrol Snothiso for their own pre-primary school from next year. Children that already have siblings at school get first access to the school and then the school works on a 'first come, first served' basis. On the registration day we, along with Snothiso's father (Vincent), arrived at 7.00am and got the 2nd application form issued for grade R. We are confident that this means Snothiso will be placed at the school.

At the beginning of October the parents of the children will receive a letter about the placement of their child. We will keep our fingers crossed!

Nzuzo

Last year when we visited South Africa, Nzuzo was still a baby. They carried her around and we couldn't really see how she was going to develop. Now, a year later, we could form a clear view of her. Nzuzo is an enthusiastic and keen little girl. She runs around all day and already speaks a lot of Zulu. And she's a fast learner of English and has already mastered some phrases. Her English vocabulary:

"Hello" "High Five" "High Ten" "hug hug hug" "Bye Bye"
"a duck, quack quack"

We bought some presents for the children. Nzuzo got a Fisher Price garage with 3 cars, keys and shapes with numbers in the same colors as the cars and keys. She really liked this present, but she liked the present we brought Snotthiso (a doll) even more.

Within seconds she had confiscated the doll. Snotthiso didn't make an issue of it, and since then Nzuzo has had her own baby, which she carries around. She takes it everywhere the way Zulu-moms carry their babies: Tied on the back with a nice cloth.



Clothes have arrived again!

ZULUWE also collects good quality (children's) clothes. Transport of these clothes is a big problem. Sending it by post or shipping it very expensive. Taking it by plane as extra luggage is also a problem as you are restricted in the amount that you can carry.

This summer we went to South Africa. We flew with Iberia which meant we could take 46 kg of luggage p.p. (standard with Iberia) instead of 23 kg (standard luggage allowance of most airlines). This way we could take 4, 23 kg suitcases. Our own luggage only weighed 40 kg, so we could take 50 kg of clothes and other things to give away!

We were given a lot of clothes from some of you and we bought some on Queensday as a bargain. Together we took an enormous amount of nice things with us.

Some of the clothes we gave to the three children and their family. The rest of the clothes we gave away in their village and at the research station to the field staff and their families.

On the next page you can see a collage of pictures. We have even more pictures. If you donated clothes you can contact us and we would be happy to show you the rest of the pictures so you can see what happened to them!





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 intent to offer her a the chance for 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 kids.

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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