

## Second sponsorship of orphans for their schooling

Dear Friends,

In the last few months our team almost doubled, a real boost to our work here. Six months ago Joe came from Switzerland. He is a professional handyman and a big asset in overseeing our many needed home improvements. Then Dom and Marie arrived with their daughter Natalie from South Africa. They are a great help, being veterans on many mission fields, and French speakers. The last newcomer is Mike who in his youth likes the challenge of a difficult field. We are very



*Wolfgang, Marco, P. Theophile & Andreas on the field in Mokali*

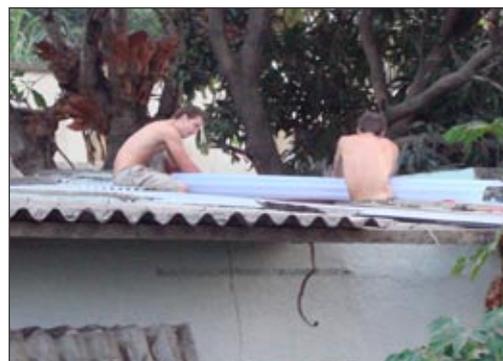


*from right: P. Theophile, Marco, Andreas, Mike, Wolfg., Josef, Dom, Lenka, Joe, Natalie, Marie and Patrick enjoying lunch*

happy for this addition to our team as this way we can get more done. This requires of course more room in the house and dear Joe and Mike have been working extra hard on this and are turning the annex into nice rooms.

During our yearly visit to Europe we were able to see or phone our friends and relatives as well as raise support and look for new sponsors. Right after our return we received our first visitors from there: Andreas, a

good longtime friend and supporter, and his son Marco. It was a big blessing to have them here and we're looking forward to receiving more visitors from Europe to give better understanding and more insight into our work and Africa. Andreas said he didn't just want to come and see Congo, but also learn from this personal experience. At the end of his visit after seeing the many difficulties we face here on



*Mike and Joe renewing the annex-roof*



*The whole ceiling came down*



*Kisenso: Florence in action*



*That little one in the middle didn't get a plate yet*

a daily basis there were three virtues standing out which can be learned here: patience, faith and staying positive when things go wrong. In order to make more progress with the orphans and to

offer them a better future, we felt led to put a new goal in front of us. The first step is their daily food and thus better resistance against sicknesses. Next we would like to also give them basic schooling so they have a better chance in their life when they grow up. So now we are looking for new sponsors for this pur-



*As desert: who catches the first package of biscuits?*



*Florence likes to use our childrens posters with quotes*

pose, again with ten Euros per child per month. This amount would be for a second sponsorship of the same children to pay for their schooling. If you want to help with that or try to win others for this cause we would appreciate it very much.

The agricultural project is making slow progress and also needs more help. Our first little pineapple-fruits are coming and we are planting avocado, banana, mango and other fruit trees. If we will be able to get a grant for a school-building in Mokali and will have a guard on the field we would like to also start breeding fish. Until we have the building which will also serve to prepare food for the orphans instead of giving them their food packages, we are looking into finding the best local



*Difficult sand roads in Mokali*



*Why isn't the car starting anymore?*



Mokali: P. Theophile, Marie and some of the children dramatising a bible-story, and the others are watching intently.



Lenka is fitting new shoes and clothes

school for the amount we have available.

The 13 year old jeep which Paula in Italy donated helped us to make a big step forward. But with the arduous sandy and muddy roads and the many potholes on our way to the outskirts of town when we see the orphans the car feels the wear and tear. So when it is in repair we desperately need another one and with now 11 people on the team we need it anyway.

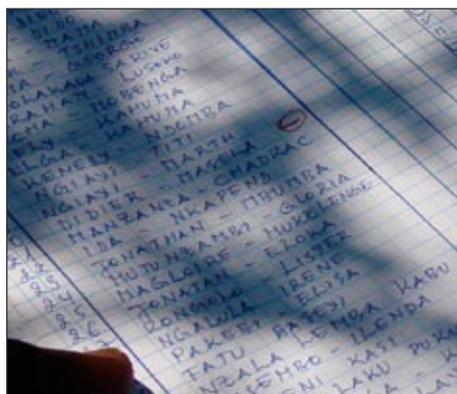
In the long run we

are looking for the right local people who one day can take over our work here. At our bible study we are not just passing on important values for life, but we are trying to see who we can trust with these big responsibilities. Character, integrity, willingness to work etc, are all things we put high emphasis on. We already do have some candidates, but they also need support as some of them have so little that they can barely afford transport to come to a meeting.



Preparing the food packages at home ...

Here is still a personal request: we are all working as fulltime volunteers living the whole year around in Congo. This means we are not paid like in the UN, Red Cross, a church or some other organization, but need to raise support for our running expenses. We are very thankful for some



Attendance sheet for the orphans



... and then enjoying the distribution in Mokali



*Pineapple and other little fruit trees on the field in Mokali*



*Andreas planting one of the avocado-trees*



*From our garden brought to the field: little african apple- & avocado trees and banana trees at the fishponds*

of our old-time friends, relatives etc who have been helping us towards this over the years which also benefits our projects in the end. Now with the team and our work growing our running expenses will also rise.

So there is a lot which you can help us with. Whatever you want to support, please specify with your donation what you would like to designate it for.

We'd like to use this opportunity to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who supports our work as without you we couldn't do the job.

You carry a big load and share in the rewards of what we are able to get done here. Everyone plays an important role in the big puzzle. We know that we have to sweat it out here, but we are also aware that for some of you ten Euros a month is a big sacrifice and we do not take it for granted, we really appreciate your help! Thank you also for telling others about our projects. You can tell them that we are living right on the field fulltime and make sure that the *active help* goes *directly* where it's supposed to go.

All the best and greetings,

*Wolfgang, Lenka and Team*

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