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about a food aid campaign, muddy roads, financial audit, unreached villages, the coming DTS and baby Isa!

We have arrived at the end of rainy season and that is very noticeable; the roads are completely muddy and very few trucks are passing through (also the train has stopped coming for 2 years, the railroad has been covered by weeds). Because of this there are fewer things for sale in the shops and the prices go up. There is no butter and no milk (powder) to be found and when I bought some chocolate I only noticed at home that it had been melted already, yummy... However, everything is beautifully green and wonderfully warm.



Many Mozambicans have their field where they produce corn and beans. Soon they can harvest first the corn and then there will be plenty of their beloved nsima: thick maize porridge that you roll into small balls in your hand before you dip them in tomato sauce or beans. **But right now people don't have the money to buy even a simple tomato.** So they eat only twice a day or sometimes only once and often the meal exists of nsima dipped in salted water. If you are a strong guy

you can survive a meager diet like that for quite a while. However, especially the women and the children are suffering. When they fall ill they have no resistance at all in their bodies and a simple cold can turn into a pneumonia, what can be fatal, as can a simple diarrhea or malaria.



That is why we start a food aid campaign. **For 25 euro you can feed a big family for a week.**

We buy beans, eggs, peanuts, vegetables, fruit etc at the market and personally bring it to the families in need. Do you also want to help? Let us know and/ or transfer your donation to account number NL05 INGB 0004 1080 74 under 'food aid'. Also see our website for more information.



One of the things that we love to do is building the training center.

Training is a strategic way of transforming peoples

lives. The Discipleship Training School is a terrific example: it impacts whole families that go back to their villages and start making a difference where they live.

For 5 years already Youth with a Mission has a sponsor that helps us financing our new buildings. The 'only' thing that we have to do is the **actual building and maintaining a high standard account system.** Once a year we receive a financial auditor who consults and encourages at the same time. His visits are therefore both wonderful and stressful for me (Frank). But we can relax again for the books were all in order and the doors are open to continue to build: 2 staff houses at the center and also a small sport field with a covering for our primary school. A great blessing and also a responsibility over thousands of dollars which all have to be administered and accounted for. And that is not that easy in a world in which many of the vendors hardly can read or write!



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We are the only Youth with a Mission base in the north of Mozambique (7x bigger than Holland). It is time for expansion for **there are still many unreached villages** amongst the Yao and Makua tribes (Muslim- animists). Our colleagues Victor and Lori, together with their 4 children are looking into starting a new base in Nampula province. There are contacts with two missionary organizations about partnerships and/or taking over their ministry so visited those places personally. We loaded up the leadership team in two cars and hit the road.



To make it a bit more exciting we decided to do this in the worst period of rainy season knowing there is no tarred road that will bring you out of Niassa. We have seen lots of muddy roads with potholes during our two days of travel to Nampula, the average speed was 30 km/h. We can honestly say it was a trip with many adventures. Frank needed to stay another two weeks in Cuamba on the way back in order to get the car sort of fixed and running enough to get it back to Lichinga. Sandra and Judah went home 10 days earlier in a overloaded minibus that took 11 hours to do 300km.

The night before we started this big trip, I (Sandra) **helped my neighbor Rosa during the**

delivery of her third child.

Her water broke while she was standing on our veranda and I quickly brought her to the health post where I witnessed an even quicker delivery of her son.



Since it was super busy at the health post I took her home straight after delivery and kept an eye on her. Coming back from our Nampula trip we learned that Rosa was already back at her field to sow beans. It was only when she came back that I learned she had named her son **Isa! That is the Chi-Yao name for Jesus!** We gave 'anganga', our grandma who is head of the family of our little neighborhood, an audio bible with the New Testament in Chi-Yao and we know they are listening to it carefully; even the new baby is named after the Main Character. We pray that the whole neighborhood will get to know the heavenly Isa more everyday.



This year we will be leading the DTS (starting in May) and that might turn

out to be our biggest challenge yet. The application forms have been send out and many people express interest. Frank is working hard to invite teachers from various countries, form a staff team and make contact with students to be. They need to **dedicate 6 months of their life:** it often means letting go of your job, moving and perhaps the most difficult part - finding the finances to pay for all of this. It is going to be a wonderful adventure and we will keep you updated. Also our lives will be turned around for 6 months!

Love Frank, Sandra and Judah Obdam!



Colophon

Frank en Sandra Obdam

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**Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass,
it's about dancing in the rain!**

