

Annual Report 2007

The Foundation Upendo Daima Nederland received this year 54,000 euros for the street children project.

The revenues consist to a large extent of donations from regular donors and other interested parties. This group also initiates or supports activities to generate money for the project. For the project team this is an enormous help. Marga and her staff would not be able to carry out the work without this important group of people. Upendo Daima Nederland is receiving, on average, an amount of 850 euros per month from regular donations.

Many of the benefactors pay 30 euros per month, which enables a child, living in Malimbe Family, to be fed, clothed, and go to school. Because each year several boys are leaving the primary school, we have already for a couple of years been active to generate funds for their continued education. In 2007 five boys follow a professional training. A girl, whose mother is seriously ill, attends a secondary schooling.

Activities

Various churches are involved in our activities. As a result of the efforts of donors in Apeldoorn, we have received more than 1000 euros from two churches.

Children in Berkel and Rodenrijs collected money for Upendo Daima during their first communion celebration.

The fasting activities, of the Paulus Chapel in Loosdrecht, generated almost 2000 euros. In the autumn of this year, Marga and Hoja attended a church service in this chapel which resulted in an additional 283 euros.

From the collections which were held during the church services of the Amsterdam students we have received 1000 euros.

Just before the summer holiday the Klim-op school in Haaren organized a "mission-walk". We received 650 euros from them and the money is used to buy shoes for children as well as a cow.

In Zeeland, several donors organized a so called "barn sale" of second hand goods and this generated 417 euros.

Marga van Barschot and Hoja Tarsisius were in the Netherlands from July to October 2007. During this period, they handled a heavy workload, together with board members and other enthusiastic benefactors. They paid a visit to the "third world workshop" in Breda, where used tools are collected and, if necessary, refurbished. Thereafter they can be used again in developing countries. We have received a large number of tools. They will be used for the training of the boys to become carpenter, construction worker, electrician, plumber, or mechanic.

On 1 September, we organized a briefing day for all donors and interested parties. The event was held in Schalkwijk at the residence of chairman Wilma van Hienen. It was a very successful day and we enjoyed very nice weather. Everybody appreciated and enjoyed meeting Marga and Hoja and was able to speak with them. Marga and Hoja gave a presentation but others, who visited Tanzania recently, gave also feedback from their visits. This resulted in a number of captivating and heartwarming stories. We could enjoy the waffles and a variety of other sweets made by the

neighbours. In addition to this there was a delicious sumptuous Tanzanian meal. The sale of a variety of African and other articles, ceramics which were made available by an artist and the second-hand books from the "Boekenlegger" from Tiel, generated more than 1000 euros. During the day the construction of a new home for Marga and Hoja was again brought to everybody's attention. In the Christmas period of 2006, we have received more than 8000 euros through a special fundraising initiative. Later on a minor amount was added to this money.

The city of Würzburg in Germany has a special community connection with Mwanza. During a visit of the Mayor and her delegation early 2007, they familiarized themselves with Upendo Daima. Since then, they give very good support. Marga and Hoja and two board members made a comprehensive working visit to Würzburg at the end of September, and gave e.g. PowerPoint presentations in schools. The Mwanza Verein donated a check of 6000 euros for the construction of a small dormitory for Malimbe.

On 25 October, a benefit concert was held in Haarlem. This was organized by Bert Steinmann, alt-oboist from Holland Symfonia. Under the motto: "through fun and games to Tanzania" Bert and his family undertake several activities for children in Tanzania. He has selected two projects which he will support, and Upendo Daima is one of them. In 2008 Bert will visit Mwanza and will also make music with the children.

Developments in Tanzania

The most important development and change that took place in 2007, is the transformation of the Daycare centre to the Back Home House. At the beginning of 2007 Marga came with the message that the local authorities would make drastic changes to regulations regarding the care for street children. Accommodation needs to be provided to the children during the day as well as at night. The permit that Upendo Daima needed for the work depended on the implementation of the new regulation. The Government defines the requirements, but does not make any money available! It was a great challenge to find money both for new premises as well as for the daily exploitation. In the following chapters, you can read that this is largely achieved.

Although almost all attention had to be given to the Back Home House, there is more progress to report. A new small dormitory has been built for Malimbe Family. The house for Marga and Hoja is, with only a few minor shortcomings, almost ready to be used.

Other sources of income

Fortunately, we had already some experience with the acquisition of financial support from other sources. We started several years ago, with the help of COS, Utrecht, with a request for subsidy from Cortaid, one of the major funds for development cooperation. In 2006 Cortaid approved our application. The requested support was for the Day Care center. In August 2007, we went with Hoja and Marga to The Hague to discuss our request for 2007. Once again we received a positive response. Because the Day Care center had to be transformed to a Back Home House, we have been given the money to launch a pilot programme in the Day Care centre, in order to gain experience with this new way of working. There is also an amount approved for setting up a network in the municipality of Mwanza. It is the intention to obtain the participation of aid workers, police, local and social organizations which are involved in any work related to street children.

In July 2007, shortly before her departure to The Netherlands, Marga received an amount of 30.000 euros from the Tafadhali Foundation, for the purchase and renovation of a building that could be used as a Back Home House.

In September, we have submitted an application for a subsidy from the Foundation Ziekenfondsode.

The money will be used to furnish the Back Home House and pay for medical costs. They have approved an initial subsidy of 5000 euros, and we have submitted a new request in 2008.

Administrative information

In 2007, the Board of Upendo Daima Nederland, which until then consisted of:

Wilma of Hienen, Chairman
Jan van Bergen, Treasurer
Mieneke Elkhuizen, Secretary
Monique Pietermaat, Member,

has been strengthened by

Maria van Strijp and Hetty Bloemen, as members

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