

## Newsletter Tanzania July 2008

At the moment there is a holiday for the children, and this is a good opportunity to write this newsletter to you. During the last six months, a lot of work has been done in the Back Home House, Malimbe Family and the Upendo Daima Training Centre. We would like to inform you about the positive results we are achieving with the new approach in the Back Home House. We can also report successes with the return of a number of children to their families and the good school results of a number of children of Malimbe Family.

### **Back Home House.**

The House Back Home, which is able to accommodate 120 children per year, who stay for some 3 months, was opened on 1 March 2008. The period prior to the opening was very busy. The building had been neglected, and had to be completely refurbished. Temporary facilities were required because the dormitories had not yet been constructed. But four months have passed already. We are proud to say that, of the 29 boys who have followed our new coaching program, 13 have been brought back to their homes. It is incredible to see the results that can be achieved in such a short time. It encourages us to continue when we see how well the boys are doing. Their health improves because of the good food, and the fact that they no longer use drugs. We have helped them to deal with their traumas, they are getting used again to a regular life and because of the lessons they received they are in a position to join the schools again. Thirteen children happily went back home with new knowledge and skills and a backpack filled with a school uniform, shoes and notebooks for school.

The visits, to the families in the villages, gave us a good insight in the situation in these villages. Sometimes the situation at home was really bad, and two boys had to be transferred to Malimbe Family on a more permanent basis. In other cases, we contacted influential villagers and schools so that a kind of social safety net is created, which in case of emergency, will hopefully be able to provide the necessary support. The boys might also fall back on us. The team of the Back Home House is positive and very satisfied with this new way of working.

### **Malimbe Family.**

At this moment, most of the children are on holiday with their families for a couple of weeks. We bring them home so that we remain up to date about the domestic situation of the children.

Looking back at the last six years, we are proud of the performance of the children. Our three students who went to the secondary school have been doing very well. Sanga was the first of the class, Emma the third and Mwita the 15<sup>th</sup>, of 50 students, so a great result.

Four students followed a vocational training. Stanislaus follows a welding training on a boarding school and Abuba has recently left for Bukoba because he was given a chance to learn tailoring. Masumbuko follows a carpenter training at the workshop of the Swiss architect Christina Kappeler and Sadoki has left for his village far from Mwanza, but we are still in contact with them.

This year, six boys will complete the primary school and we are therefore looking for a good place with future prospects.

### **The construction activities in Malimbe Family.**

After years of building activities, finally the end is in sight. The last two dormitories have almost been completed. Our boys have assisted significantly. These houses have been donated by the 'Würzburger Partnerkaffee' in Würzburg and the 'Hoogendijk' foundation in Tiel. Now we just have to construct one staff house and an office building and all building activities will be completed.

### **Livestock.**

We have bought another cow and a calf was born. In total, there are now six cows. We are now building a beautiful large henhouse. The care of the chickens and cows is a task of the children. All the milk and the eggs are eaten by the children during the meals. A vegetable gardening is also a part of Malimbe Family. This will enable the children to learn for themselves.

### **Upendo Daima Training Centre.**

At the end of last year, it was decided to discontinue the Internet café. We now convert the Computer Training Centre into a centre where various types of training and courses can be given. Computer courses are being provided, as well as other training, and management training and courses on how to work with traumatized children have been given to the staff of Upendo Daima.

Recently, we have done something rather innovative. We organised a three-day workshop for our older boys of Malimbe Family. The theme was: how to grow up as adolescent and work on your own future. Through this new approach we obtain better results.

### **The Organisation.**

Organisation and administrating all activities and projects is more than a day job for Mama Isabella and me. It is important to maintain good control of our financial administration, so that we can provide accurate reporting of all costs and donations. In the future we will employ a third worker.

Finally, next year Hoja and I hope to visit the Netherlands for two months, so that we can personally inform you about all our work here in Mwanza. We wish you a nice summer and we thank you all very much for the great support you have given to our project.

With Tanzanian greetings to you on behalf of the entire team,

Marga van Barschot

## **Newsletter the Netherlands July 2008**

**Upendo Daima Nederland has been very active to support the work of Marga van Barschot and her team.**

### **Applications made to donor organisation.**

Cordaid also supports in 2008; this year, inter alia, with the execution of the education and counselling activities of the Back Home House.

The Dutch Albert Schweitzer Fund has made a commitment to make a contribution for the mental health and nursing care for the children of the Malimbe Family.

The 'Ziekenfondsbode' is supportive to provide a contribution for the construction of a dormitory for 30 children of the Back Home House.

### **Our donors.**

Although we are very pleased with the support of the donor organizations, the structural support of our regular donors remains the 'cork on which we float'. Very many thanks to all who have helped Upendo Daima during the last six months, or have shown their sympathy and support for our project.

### **Activities during the last six months and next half year.**

- Concert of the 'Barbershop choir' 'The Rhine Singers' in the Theatre Calypso in Wijk bij Duurstede, of which the entire proceeds of the snacks, 260 Euro, went to Upendo Daima.
- The action of the children who celebrated their first communion in Berkel Rodenrijs has generated 350 Euro.
- During the so called "Open Garden Day" in Delft, attracting 450 visitors, information has been provided on the activities of UD and plants were sold and yielded 245 Euro for the vegetable garden.
- In August there will be a charity football match held at Parc 'De Pettelaar' in Den Bosch, and the proceeds are for Upendo Daima.
- Upendo Daima has joined the 'Better Care Network Nederland' to share experiences with similar programs. See [www.bettercarenetwork.nl](http://www.bettercarenetwork.nl).
- Upendo Daima and the Foundation "Hoedje van Papier" ( [www.stichtinghoedjevanpapier.nl](http://www.stichtinghoedjevanpapier.nl) ) are planning to launch a project next year for the benefit of the children of Malimbe Family with the aim to give the street children more self confidence. We will use a methodology which has been developed in Peru. We are in discussion with Cordaid regarding these plans.

### **New Folder.**

In cooperation with the Multi Media Centre of the Technical University in Delft, we have created a wonderful new folder in order to give more publicity to the work of Upendo Daima. After the holiday of our webmaster the folder can also be viewed on our web site.

### **Planned project visits.**

- The chairman of Upendo Daima Nederland, Wilma van Hienen, will be in Mwanza from mid-July to the end of August to provide substantive and administrative support to Marga and her staff. She will also make a start with a local network to create more solid foundation and stimulate the cooperation with various other organizations.
- In July the Foundation "Tanzania Spelenderwijs" will organise music workshops for the staff and the children of Malimbe Family, during a three weeks period. They will leave their musical instruments in Mwanza so that the workshops can be continued.
- In September the committee member Maria van Strijp will visit the project for two weeks, to give substantive support to the team of Upendo Daima.

### **Financial Matters.**

With effect from 1 January 2008, the Upendo Daima Nederland Foundation, has been recognised by the tax authorities as an 'organisation which works in the general interest' (ANBI). This is interesting for you, and also for us. By making clever use of the tax advantages, you can donate more in fact, spending the same amount of money. Your gift is fully deductible if you donate through a notary's deed. In this case you donate for a period of at least 5 years, a fixed amount per quarter or per year. If you see the attractiveness and would like to have more information, please look at: [www.anbi.nl](http://www.anbi.nl).

You can also contact Jan van Bergen, Treasurer of Upendo Daima Nederland, Tel: 030-6373725 or mail to [info@upendodaima.nl](mailto:info@upendodaima.nl).

We sincerely hope that you will continue to support the street children by transferring your donations to account no. 10.22.27.365 of the Upendo Daima Nederland Foundation in Maarsse.