

NEWS 2013 **KACEMA MUSUMA** FOUNDATION

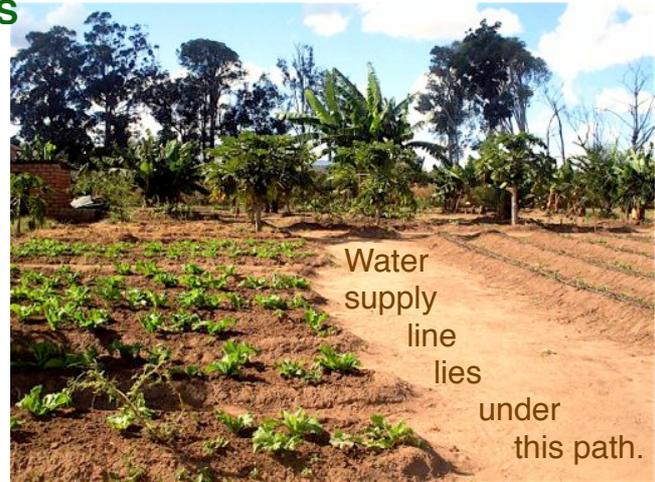
Heino, October 2013



Vegetables, the house and the water
Above ground irrigation...

MANY THANKS

In part thanks to your mental and/or financial contributions to Kacema Musuma Children's Home in Kawambwa, Zambia, things are still going well in this loving home. (see other side)



Water supply line lies under this path.



Flag waving?
The children are obviously having fun in the courtyard...

This news letter is a little 'agricurally' oriented. The reason for that is the proud of the gardeners, the staff, the children and Sr. Maria. (see other side)



Emanuel under banana tree

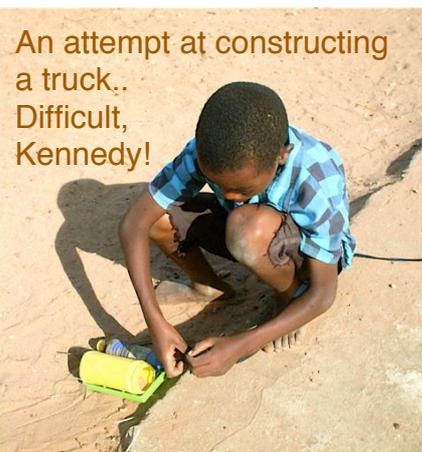
The orange... and the flower...



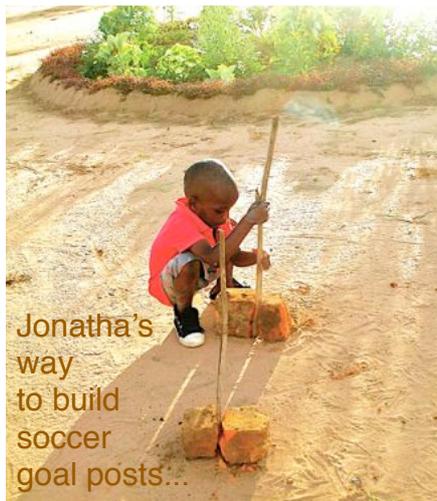
But there was deep sorrow over the death of Baby Margareth (see other side)



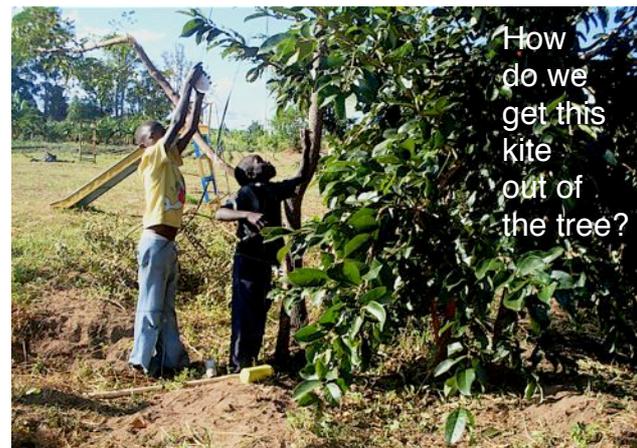
Baby Margareth.



An attempt at constructing a truck.. Difficult, Kennedy!



Jonatha's way to build soccer goal posts...



How do we get this kite out of the tree?

Grief.

Baby Margareth (10 days old) was welcomed in Kacema at 07-Aug-'13 and has been cared with love and attention since then. Her mother died when she was giving birth, her father had died earlier. Grandmother tried to nurse the baby, but didn't succeed. And so the little girl came to Kacema seriously undernourished. After this difficult start in life, she rallied. She seemed to do well, she drank fluids, and smiled.

But at 30-Sept. all of a sudden she did not want to drink anymore and was taken to the hospital in Kawambwa.

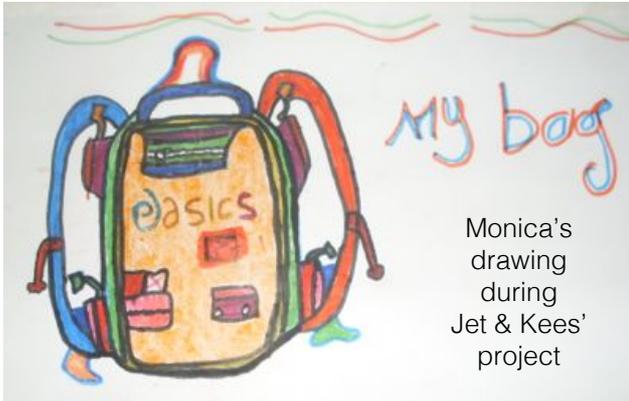
At 03-Oct. Sr. Maria, who had a meeting in Mansa, called the hospital for the daily report about baby Margareth. The answer was: "She should see a specialist in Ndola" (a 6-8 hour car trip). We arranged for money and found a car and driver, all with help of the bank manager, Mr. Mark Phiri.

Auntie Albertina (one of the caregivers) took Margareth on her lap for the long trip. On the way they would meet Sr. Maria.

Deep sadness: baby Margareth died in the arms of Auntie Albertina after 2 hours traveling even before they reached Sister Maria... They decided to drive back home....

The Sisters, staff and others who knew about the situation have buried Margareth at the graveyard.

The grandmother couldn't be reached in time for the funeral.



Monica's drawing during Jet & Kees' project

Visitors.

Hospitality is high in standard in Kacema.

Though Kawambwa is 1.000 km from Lusaka Int. Airport, four Dutch guests came up short in a row in August.

In Aug. the children are free from school: Full house!

1. -- Miriam Visserman and her sister Irma enjoyed every minute of their 4 days stay. Miriam was one of the constructional students, who collected money for Kacema's construction and assisted the Zambian constructor for some weeks during their holiday in 2007. When she left after four week there were the slapfloor and some walls.

Last August she was amazed seeing the today situation.

You can see her report at our website in a month..

2. -- Jet Vos and Kees v/d Boogaart came to run their project for children from 10 years old. Jet wrote a short report.

The project's name: 'Ndolesheni' means 'Look at me' Each child has its own talents, creativity and imagination. These human characteristics we wanted to develop and emphasize by running a small-scale art educational project in Kacema during the last 2,5 weeks of their school holiday. We have lived and worked with the children in Kacema for 2,5 weeks. This resulted in an unforgettable impression! We saw fun, solidarity and the loving way the older children dealt with the small ones. We've got a special relationship with the children and the Sisters.

Fortunately, we have photos and lots of great memories!

Like to know more? Look at our facebookpage: 'Sparkling Zambia & Tanzania.'

For the total project report visit www.kacema.nl

Project.

The 'water-irrigation-garden project' has worked very well in the 6 dry months. Vegetables and fruit trees were pampered by (free!) solar-pumped well dosed water. The harvest was already big enough for feeding the children, staff and Sisters. Some of it could even be sold! Because of this Sr. Maria could buy an extra cow for slaughter. And the butcher could fill the freezer at Kacema!

But... the soil has been eaten out bit by bit. Fresh rich soil is needed year after year. Fortunately Kacema's property is big enough for preparing fresh vegetable gardens. Those fresh gardens need also water supply under the paths. This with easy connectors for hooking the portable and moveable irrigating system.

Then fresh vegetable growing can start. Meanwhile the old garden will be sown with fertilizer seeds (called Sunhen). Later these plants will be dug into the soil, creating a rich compost in what was exhausted soil before (in about 2 or 3 years).

Besides we want to save energy by replacing rusting electric boilers by solar boilers.

This project plan (both garden and boilers) has been submitted to Wild Geese Foundation.

Without the support of "Wild Geese Foundation" Kacema would never have become a reality! We are greatly indebted to 'the Wild Geese'...

Donation in Lusaka

Sr. Maria was invited by the Zambia National Farmers Union to be present at their congress in Lusaka at 17 Oct. at 02.00 pm sharp.

Purpose: Kacema would get a donation. Sr. Maria, very surprised and honoured, travelled by bus (15 to 16 hours), stayed in Lusaka's convent and was picked up there in time. The donation was 100 blankets and baby milk powder enough for 3 months! Next day back to Kacema. The goods have been delivered in Kacema two days later. Wonderful!

Kees & Jet with the group at the porch swing.



Finances

Our board covers all expenses, consequently every donated dollar benefits Kacema in Kawambwa.

Now there are 42 kinderen, 11 staff members, and 2 Sisters (will be 3) Since Dec. 2012 each staff member has a free/of charge(!) bank account with pin access. (Bank expenses are normally high in Zambia. Salaries are transferred directly by Sr. Maria (instead of cash in hand). In 2013 the salaries increased consirably.

The orphanage can exist on 100,- Euro's per day. This covers the cost of food, (expensive) baby mlk, clothing, schooling, salaries and pensions for the workers, electricity, telephone, internet, transportation (no car available) and maintenance in and around the building, etc.

And besides these expenses, -- already from the very beginning -- we are saving in our Rabo bank account trying to achieve a 'buffer' for hopefully twice the annual costs in the future.