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Newsletter

Trust in the Lord - Isaiah 50

- God our hope!

His promise to his people, his saints,
his salvation is close –

“Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.”

Psalms 85:8-9



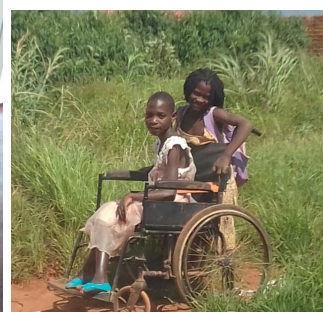
Rainy season: From December until the middle of March there are heavy rains, indescribable – challenging. Driving a car is challenging! Here in Bairro Chiuaua... Water and mud in the main streets in Lichinga.



Built in car seat, which is a great seating aid for the child. Mary has upholstered it and improved the little belts.

This little boy is also limited in his movements and we are not sure how much he understands. He seems to hear everything. He can sit and lean against someone when supported.

Gymnastic balls are excellent to relieve the back and lift the head, to strengthen the neck muscles.





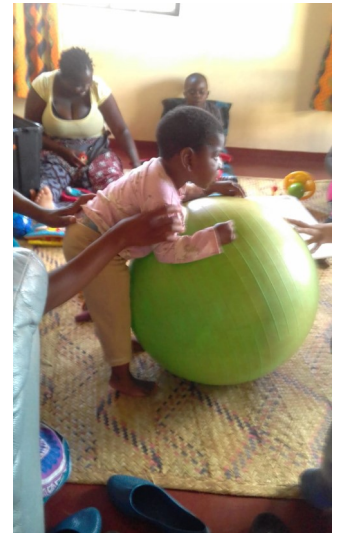
One boy we greatly appreciate – is blind and cannot walk anymore, because he suffered from a tuberculosis infection in 2017 that resulted in meningitis.

He has been receiving treatment for a long time and his wonderful mother is practicing physical therapy at home.

Here you can see him play with Lego on a Wednesday afternoon.

The 2nd photo: **E.** is sitting in my car with his new ball and a special drawing board (packed in red). Both were sent from Germany by my church leaders!

Balls and toys, some from the USA, some from South Africa and England.



I met **B.** at the physical therapy, he is suffering from a slight hemiplegia as well as cerebral palsy.

On the photos: B. with his father, while eating (in the middle) and with an educator.

He is now attending a private catholic preschool. A catholic organization from Portugal as well as the local university are covering the monthly fees.

I brought the different “parties” together; the success is that the child has good chances for education and a better life and will hopefully be able to learn a profession as well.

The people from Portugal will return in April for a week. I met them last year in the physical therapy department at the hospital. They will offer trainings at the catholic university as well as at the hospital.

He is doing very well, I visit him frequently and he is starting to walk by himself! He is still not talking, but he is highly motivated to express himself among the other children in order to play easier.



Dr. E. from Cuba, a general physician and pediatrician



Ill child, 4 years old, needed i.v. liquids due to severe dehydration after fever and malnutrition. This was at the doctor's clinic, where R. was treated. His mother had never seen him so ill. She wept and kissed him. It was such a privilege to be present. I only have few words for that, because we don't experience people opening up in front of people that are not family members.

With your support I can pay for otherwise unaffordable doctor's consultations (the very well trained Cuban pediatrician and general physician) for children and mothers as well as regular food support like dry milk, beans, corn flour, oil and sugar.

Here on a steep dirt path, the little R. and his mother in the Bairro (district) they live.



Corn porridge, called Xima or Ugali! I was invited to share the little – generous hospitality in humble surroundings.

Unfortunately I also see how those precious children are being rejected, also sexual abuse is a huge and general problem here. Also the life of a child is of no great value – certainly not the lives of those that are not “useful”. That means, you don't expect them to be able to work in the future or a bride price for girls.

Often I have hardly any possibilities except to PRAY, within the existing but ineffective laws and strong traditions, especially if the family knows about it!

Thankful! Friendships (time together, laughter). A missionary friend is going to have her baby soon, she is waiting for it to be born every day, now. I have often accompanied her to the 2 Cuban doctors. We are hoping that her fourth child, just like the other three children will be born healthy.



125 years “SIM Mission February 22nd -March 4th in Pretoria, South Africa.



Many people, exceptional testimonies, reports from Egypt, Eritrea, etc., where persecution of Christians is real and brutal...

An important seminar for myself “Working with handicapped people” was sadly cancelled, because the speaker had cancelled!

We were only six (6!) – on a conference of more than 500 missionaries from all over the world, nearly all of them serving in third world countries, which means there are statistically more children with handicaps as well. They are often hidden, quickly killed or simply not fed...

I am thankful for friendships with several missionary ladies and a Portuguese lady as well as a Cuban doctor as well as two Mozambican ladies.
 Sadly my Housemate will leave to stay with her team members for three months to study the language. It's a three hour drive.
 There she will be able to study Yawo, the main tribal language here better than in town – in Lichinga they speak mostly Portuguese.
 Many other people I know mostly by sight or, if you get to know them, it is about other things like money, a job etc.

ISIM, the mission that issued my residence permit, plans their annual prayer meeting with about 15 missionaries from Mozambique in June at Lake Malawi (Which is called Lake Nissa on this side).
 The international director, Joshua, will attend as well.
 It is getting really cold here, even close to 0°C in the winter! In the highlands, even at the lake there may be frost, I guess I'll see.



THANK YOU for your faithful and generous support
THANK YOU for your faithfulness in prayer
THANK YOU for packages, Whatsapp, emails and calls!
 I have been in Mozambique since the end of 2002, but I still enjoy calls by friends! Thank you.

Greetings

Heide



On a Square in Lichinga in March 2018

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