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Dear Patrons, Dear Friends

We are pleased to be able to tell you in this newsletter about the journey together with our son Benjamin and his family (20.04.24 - 05.05.24). Arriving in Kabwe, we found a beautiful accommodation in the "Kabwe Safari Lodge". The two children, Chiara and Nevio, were enthusiastic from the beginning and were very happy about the large swimming pool that they used every day.

At the top of our program was: a visit to the Tikondane children's home and a visit to the nearby primary school, where "our children from Tikondane" also go to school. We were warmly welcomed at the Tikondane Children's Home and immediately it was said that the headmaster was waiting for us. Chiara and Nevio were a bit nervous, as they were allowed to take part in the lessons.

We walked to school and were warmly welcomed by all students and teachers with singing and dancing. Afterwards, Chiara was greeted personally by Anna, a girl from Tikondane, and taken by the arm to place her next to her in the classroom. The experience and the whole morning at school was unique and Chiara and Nevio were allowed to work with the class.

Afterwards, back in the orphanage, there was a fine lunch prepared by the housemother Monica. The atmosphere was cordial and all the children and young people present were happy about our visit. There was a lot of talking, playing and exchanging thoughts.



Afterwards, we visited various places with our family such as Mpima Major Seminary, where Jürg and I were involved in voluntary development cooperation from 1982 - 1986. Benjamin was born there in December 1982 and it was very "emotional" for him to be able to show this place to his family. Finally, we visited Livingstone with the famous Victoria Falls. The whole family was very enthusiastic about the many impressions of their stay in Zambia and then traveled back to Switzerland on May 4th.

Jürg and I went back to Kabwe to meet with all the children and young people in the Tikondane and to



have conversations with the director of the home, Mr. C. Zulu.

C. Zulu told us about the drought that is currently afflicting Zambia, that there was hardly any rain and all the maize that had been planted withered. This means that more corn must now be purchased for the daily food of the community. In addition, the electricity has to be switched off for several hours a day throughout the country due to the low water levels in the reservoirs, which makes life even more difficult for the population and also in the Tikondane.

The renovated buildings look beautiful and homely and the mood among the children and young people was also good and noticeable.

The 3 boys who graduated from school this year now all have a place at university and two of them have already been able to start their studies. The high school of the third teenager will then begin in September 2024.

It was very pleasing for us that on the last day of our visit three girls were allowed to enter the Tikondane. They had to be relocated by the social welfare authority after their previous home had to be closed by the state due to bad management. We hope that they integrate well and welcome them.



At the official meeting with the Zambian board of Tikondane, we were able to exchange ideas well and constructively. An important topic was, among other things, that a second residential building will have to be built in the near future, so that boys and girls can be cared for in separate houses.

As you can see, it continues and thanks to your support, the children have hope for a fulfilled and good life.

Thank you all very much and we wish you a nice summer.

Best regards



Tikondane Foundation Switzerland-Zambia

Handwritten signatures of Elsbeth and Jürg Noti in blue ink.

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