

News from Tiko 31 January 2010

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Happy New Year!

2010 — the Chinese year of the Tiger

Dear friends of Tikondane

Reflections from our Japanese friend

Yukie is a 'friend of Tiko' from Japan and so it is especially interesting to know what touches her most about the Zambian culture. Here is a short list of things Yukie noticed most while visiting Tiko in 2009:

1. the number of children
2. that everybody seems to go to church
3. the amount and beauty of nature; and
4. the dancing.

Not so different after all, is it.



Yukie loved her experiencing the Zambian way

Soap making

Moulds have been ordered and received from South Africa that will make an imprint of the Tiko logo (three huts + Tiko name) on an oblong shaped cake of soap. How professional our soap making will be. We now need a source for essential oils or to add a sweet perfume to our soap; then we will surely be in business. With various bottles that Elke has brought and that people have donated, a perfume has sometimes been achieved, but no details have been written down of what it was and how much was used. We are looking for ideas for a reliable, cheap or at least price worthy source. Somehow Zambia does not rate very high in stocking such luxury items, but we will try. We have just heard about a shop in Chipata that stocks herbal remedies. Perhaps they have something that will work; we have tried a lot of options that do not work, eg, citronella oil.



Tiko soap now branded with the Tiko logo - how impressive is this!

Stories told with pictures



Since Evaristo's death last year (by snake bite), his replacement, Evatiko, will only work if led by Evaristo's now widowed wife, Cherie



A new borehole in Chimbalu Village (above) and in Greya Village - built as part of the 3 Village Project being funded by Naperville Rotary (USA)



From l to r: Mr Thole and Tim our carpenter (Tiko) with Greya Village Headman, Greya Village carpenters and Mr Moonga



Tiko crew members, Mr Thola and Mr Moonga keeping book of the handover of carpenter tool kits at Greya Village



Shelter for the Carpenters made in Chimbalu Village



The Carpenter's tool box



Tiko's first permanent classroom block is taking shape - thanks to a generous private donation from Naperville (USA)



Do come and visit us, while the ghost dance is still accessible. Since this traditional dance has been declared world heritage, visitors have been stopped from attending the dance in Malawi and we are in serious discussions with our Chief here to keep it open for viewing by our visitors!!!!

Talent Quest

The Village Headmen were guests of Tiko for a Christmas party in late December when the Tiko choir featured on the list of performances. The choir performance was not that polished, but then it is the time of year when every Tiko crew member has a day off each week to tend to planting and harvesting so there is not much time for practicing. We also asked the Headmen to give us a presentation of their skills then two women elders, with the help of our Tiko crew, gave an exciting performance of *Chitelele* (a traditional dance). How gifted these people are. Elke is throwing out the challenge to all the 'friends of Tiko' whom she will meet up with on her fundraising trip in March and April – she is looking forward to a rich display of artistic talents in EU, USA and Australia!



Tiko women perform as a choir



VAMPS Restaurant in Paddington (Sydney) puts on two Cabarets each year to raise funds for Tikondane. Here, the star performer is owner of VAMPS, Tony Johansson

SOS Problem

In preparation for working with UNICEF on setting up and supporting preschools in the Eastern Province (see December's newsletter), we listened to the first radio program for primary schools in class and Elke's initial observation was that the teacher in attendance has hearing problems!

Elke is appealing to support groups in places where she is to visit over the next couple of months if they can investigate the possibility of collecting hearing aids for her to take back to Tiko. It turns out that another teacher can't hear well either. The first teacher probably suffered from too much quinine, the drug used for malaria.

May the good Lord keep you all in the palm of his hand! **Zikomo Elke**



APPENDIX

Dear, dear friends of Tikondane and Elke's,

Please find below a summary of Elke' itinerary, the stops she will make to show the new Tiko film made by Dutch friends Peter & Kees last September and to tell about the successes and the needs of Tiko.

At every stop Elke will dive for the host's laptop or the nearest internet café to check on her emails, but she will never have much time. Please, if you have something that —

- Tiko crew in Katete can solve, write to tikocc@zamtel.zm;
- is for Elke, write to elketiko@hotmail.co.uk; or
- is for both Tiko and Elke, write to both addresses.

Hopefully, that way nothing will get lost, ok? And we, Tiko and Elke, will try and answer as soon as possible.

Host emails given just in case urgent contact is required in which case you can leave your telephone number with the host for Elke's attention.

Date	Location	Host
February 11	Lilongwe / Johannesburg	
12	Johannesburg / Zurich (EU)	overnight flight
13	Zurich	Godje Alberts-Lott godje.al@gmx.de
	Munich	Dr Andreas Bernau dr.andreas.bernau@t-online.de
	Berlin	Jens Augner j.augner@jpberlin.de
19	Munich / Amsterdam	Lorraine and Niek Van Dam lorraine@lenvdam.demon.nl
22	Amsterdam / Exeter (UK)	Richard and Ann Sheppard padgyvessa@tiscalo.co.uk
25	Exeter / Guernsey (via Jersey)	Peter and Margaret Keeling keelingp@guernsey.net
March 1	Guernsey / Glasgow	Drs Pip and Cameron Storch campip@blueyonder.co.uk
3	Glasgow / London	Annie Austin annie.c.austin@googlemail.com
6	London / Amsterdam	Maria and Frans van der Grinten vandergrinten@tiscali.nl
9	Amsterdam / Zurich / Chicago (USA)	Evan and Nan Freund efreund@chicagogsb.edu
	Visit to Rotary supporters in Naperville (out of Chicago)	Will Scott wscott@waersystems.com
		Ettie Randles erandles@heritagewine.com
20 - 22	Chicago / Sydney (AUST)	Robin and Dorothy Brampton adsl2fd4@tpg.com.au
May 4	Sydney / Johannesburg	Overnight
5	Johannesburg / Lilongwe	Home to Tikondane!

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