

# Child's Destiny of Hope Newsletter

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## Dear CDHope friends,

In front of you is our latest newsletter, to keep you up to date on Child's Destiny of Hope's work. As usual, we will fill you in on how Tim and Wilma are doing, what's happening at CDHope, and we'll share some news on the fundraising efforts. De Board of Directors has a special request. This time, we will also report on the visitors from Holland. Thank you for your support, without you, none of our work would be possible.

\*\*\*CDHope would like to wish all of our friends a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2024!\*\*\*

### Tim and Wilma



We are grateful for the small steps of progress Wilma is making. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, Wilma suffered a seizure while on her way to an outing. Thankfully, Edith was right beside her and Tim held

her when her legs buckled. We went to the clinic and to a Kampala hospital, where the doctor explained that this is not uncommon after a stroke, though usually not as late as this. To prevent an unlikely re-occurrence, Wilma is now on daily medication. The seizure affected Wilma's progress on speech and strength, but she quickly recovered.

Eugene and Jaimie are also doing well and graduated Magna Cum Laude on December 9th with a Bachelor's degree. They will continue for their Master's in the new year, also under scholarship (they are still eligible, under the NCAA rules, to run for one more year, making up for the lost year during COVID).

*From Chawolo and Sirongo, we wish you all Merry Christmas and a blessed*



### Update on the schools

#### A year of patience

At the end of this schoolyear, we (Tim and Wilma) are thankful that we have managed to catch up on all the administrative work and the adjustments we have had to make after our year of absence. We are looking forward to the new academic year, which will begin in February 2024.

#### A new running club

During our Sports term, we got to know a 14 year old girl named Patience. Tim got goosebumps when he saw her win her race, way ahead of the others. A super talented and eager athlete. We decided to find out more about her and meet her parents. We would love to see her reach her full potential in running. During our last term we started a running club with two teams (22 and 20 students). Tim leads both groups. We're praying and figuring out where God is leading us with this. When we have training drills in the

2024!

*Tim and Wilma Omalla*



open field, with the help of music, the entire village community is excited to come out and watch.

### Christmas Musical 2023

We have started rehearsing for our annual Chawolo-Sirongo Christmas musical. To keep the costs and the organisation more manageable, we have decided to work with a smaller group of children this year. However, we will still have a good group, of at least 30 children. We also plan to livestream the event, so check with the CDHope Facebook page on December 23d. We plan to start around 11 o'clock Ugandan time, but there might be some delay. If you want updates on the livestream, please contact us ahead of time at [timwilma@timwilma.com](mailto:timwilma@timwilma.com).

### A visit from The Netherlands

We are Henk and Nellie, aunt Ineke and former Board member uncle Henk, and we visited Tim and Wilma in November. During these two weeks we have spent time in the classrooms, made visits to people's homes and had conversations with Tim and Wilma. We played games with the children of the CDHope Home. Together with Tim and Wilma and some of the teachers, we made photos and helped the children write letters. It's something they're not used to in their culture, but we managed to get the children started. The little ones drew pictures for their sponsor parents. Another fun thing we witnessed was the team day for staff and teachers. Tim set a course of about two kilometres, which most people ran, while we walked it with Wilma. We closed with a meal together, and we took the opportunity to interview some teachers and staff. The school year is divided in three terms, and they always finish off with a sports day. As this was the last one, parents were also invited. In their meeting, they were informed of the events of the year, and they were given the opportunity to ask any questions. And of course, this was also

### Fundraisers



#### Fundraising for charities

On November 11th and 12th, Nellie van der Vliet and Engeliën de Heer were present at a charity fair. They had a stall laden with home made greeting cards, crocheted soft toys, and lots of bracelets and necklaces. The envelope prize draw also made some good money. In total, they collected €800 for CDHope!

#### Christmas fundraisers

Early December, we will be delivering Christmas cards around the town of Kamerik, receiving €0.65 per card.



There will also be a workshop creating Christmas table centerpieces, which will

concluded with a meal, and we interviewed some students.



It is clearly visible that the community is making progress: there is more activity, more business, better clothing, and the children look healthier. Our schools are now viewed as 'Hope for the future', which wasn't the case before. People now recognise that education can give their children a hopeful future, which makes things better for them as well. Because the students are taught in English, the parents' English improves at the same time. In the past, we've had to use hands and feet to communicate, now we can talk with the parents in English. Two staff members told us that they are thankful to be able to speak English, and for the work of CDHope. It also creates new opportunities for them.

We are thankful for the work Tim and Wilma are doing in Chawolo. Please pray for them, that God will bless the work of CDHope. After two weeks, we said our goodbyes and spent a week on safari, before returning home.

Henk and Nellie



be sold at the Ontmoetingskerk in Kamerik on December 16.

*Would you be interested in organising a fundraiser for CDHope? Please contact Nellie van der Vliet at 06-3333 1692*

### A message from the Board

At the end of 2023, we, as Board of Directors, would like to come to you one more time. It has been a good year for the community in Uganda. Here in The Netherlands, we have received sponsorship from a few new businesses and some private donors. Sadly, we also lost a few private donors. The schoolyear surprised us with many new students, we now have around 400 children. Thankfully we were able to fund the new furniture and the extra teachers we needed through special fundraisers. The students are generally performing well, and we have set up a parent council, which will increase engagement from the parents. We are thankful that, knowing our dependence is on the Lord, we see the work in Uganda continue, and that we get to contribute to it.

We have been receiving fewer donations than we had anticipated this year. **As a result, we are looking at a deficit of €10.000. We would like to ask of you to consider supporting us with an extra donation, so that we may end this year, joyfully surprised by your generosity.**

As Board of Directors, we are reluctant to ask this of you, but we see no other way. Many hands make light work.

We wish you a wonderful blessed Christmas, and a happy 2024

### Donate



Your contribution will help change the lives of the children of Chawolo.

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