

Mto Moyoni is a retreat centre on the banks of the river Nile in Uganda. Ingrid Wilts, a missionary, started this centre in 2003. In Swahili the name Mto Moyoni means: 'river trough the heart', and this name also expresses the goal of the centre: to offer Christian workers a time of peace and quiet to experience that the Spirit of Gods wants to flow like a river through their hearts. Ingrid works together with Winette Hubregtse. In Uganda Mto Moyoni is registered as an NGO. In the Netherlands their work is supported by the Friends of Mto Moyoni foundation.

The River.

The past years this song of Brian Doerksen became the theme of Mto Moyoni. Last week I heard for the first time the Dutch version, in my own native language. The song spoke to me in a new way!

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11: 28)

God gives us this wonderful promise. In Uganda, in Mto Moyoni, this promise becomes very real for the guests. You will read it in this newsletter. It is the place by the river where people come to find healing and rest from God. It is the message of the cross of Jesus, mercy, healing en recovering for those who come to Him, and then meet the love of the Father. Ingrid and Winette have the opportunity to tell this message daily to people who are burdened and tired, and we see that God heals! In this Christmas time I thank Him for His coming to he earth, as a little baby, but also the great restoring work that He did, for us, for you and me!

Friends of Mto Moyoni,
Hanneke Fonteijn

The River - Brian Doerksen

**To the river I am going
Bringing sins I cannot bear
Come and cleanse me come
forgive me
Lord I need to meet you there**

**In these waters healing mercy
Flows with freedom from de-
spair
I am going to that river
Lord I need to meet you there**

**Precious Jesus I am ready
to surrender every care
Take my hand now lead me
closer
Lord I need to meet you there**

**Come and join us in the river
Come find life beyond com-
pare
He is calling He is waiting
Jesus longs to meet You there**

Ez 47:1-12, Rev 22:1,2.

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**Mto Moyoni wishes you a good
Christ mas and a blessed 2007**



We thank you for your support in 2006. In our next newsletter the treasurer will give a short financial report off the year 2006.

Travellers.....

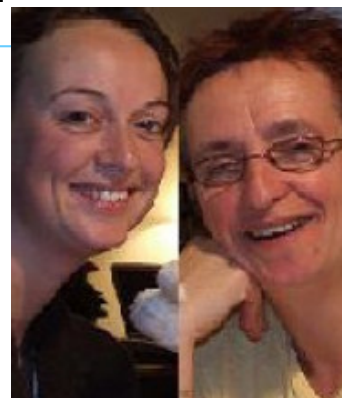
Tineke de Smalen and Joanne Tromp, both members of the Christengemeente in Soest, the Netherlands, visited Mto Moyoni in October 2006. They enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and the peace of the place. They also noticed the intensive work that Ingrid and Winette put into it. They give the teaching, but are also responsible for the running of the centre. The new social worker is really promising! He started the children work in the village.

In this weeks both Ingrid and Winette were ill with malaria.

Lets keep on praying for their health!

Anita and Yvonne, two friends from Leeuwarden met Ingrid and Winette in June 2005, at the conference in Voorthuizen, the Netherlands. The stories about the work in Uganda impressed them so much that they want to see it with their own eyes. Anita: "To see Ingrid and Winette in their own surroundings, to see the work and to receive healing ourselves To literally bring my wounds and sins to the river, and let it be washes away. It is great that God gives us the opportunity to receive in such special surroundings. We know His presence there is strong".

In January 2007 they will visit Mto Moyoni for two weeks. They also have plans to organise a trip for supporters and other fans to Mto Moyoni.



A letter from Ingrid..

November 2006

While typing this letter I hear singing, dancing and African shouting in the background. 13 people are enjoying the freedom they are experiencing in their heart this week. It is so special to see the countenance change on people faces within a week. People, who did not know each other before, from all colors and languages, are saying goodbye's at the end of the week as real brothers and sisters. I am watching it, and enjoy to see how Father God heals people's hearts so fast.

A man, who grew up without his parents, came to us in one of the weeks and told us that in the morning he stood in front of the mirror and told himself: "You are Some-one's son" It gave him a foundation in his heart. No longer a slave of God but a real son! He found his place in the heart of Father God.

Than there was this young man, an assistant pastor, who still remembered me from Mbale. He had lived on the streets and when he saw me he remembered how often he sneaked into CRO to eat an "illegal" meal. Halfway the week he came to me to repent of this. But that was not all, he was so honest to himself, God and us, so that God was able to forgive him for all the things he had done on the streets, and therefore he was able to forgive the people who had done horrible things to him. I saw that this man needed a hug, which I as a women could not give him. I asked one of the men who was there to give hem a hug. He cried like a little child. Afterwards he came to me and said that this was the first time in his life that the hand of a man did not mistreat him. "I have never felt the hand of a man giving me love." Thousand kilogrammes lighter he left the centre. The following morning we received a phone-call from his colleague to register himself for the next transformation week. The fire is spreading and it is such a privilege to be part of it. We do trust that God will bring Ugandan men who can help us in this ministry.



It is already approaching the end of the year. Looking back it seems that every year goes faster. It has been a special year for Mto Moyoni. A lot of things have happened and many people look back with thankfulness for the programmes that they attended in our place. Regularly we are receiving e-mails or sms from people telling us how their lives have changed because they met God the Father, through His Son Jesus.

This really gives me the idea that my life is useful. I am learning more and more to receive first before giving out and that brings rest and peace. I find it very special how my life unfolds before my eyes and I am expectant to see what next year will bring. But holiday first.

Two long weeks.....

I do wish you a very homely December month, a meaningful Christmas and that you may experience more and more of His love for you in the New Year.

Ingrid



Winette and Ingrid enjoyed the first weeks of December a well deserved holiday at the Seychelles, a group of isles in front of the East-African coast.

We hope they gained again the energy they need for the programs in 2007

Winnetes letter...

Its raining...

Rainy season is really not my favourite. It has been raining for 2 days now and regularly it was a down-pour coming down like a curtain for more than half an hour. The soil is satisfied with water and last night we had a landslide in our garden. Six meters of good soil washed into the river direction Egypt... The waterfall coming down the stairs towards my house just bended into the other direction and so my house is still there. We are now building a wall as quick as possible to keep the soil and all the rest in place.

Jinja town is also a mess. Pools of water at every corner because the heavy rain is washing the mud out of the potholes. Private swimming pools all over. My car is dancing over the last bit of road towards the centre and I struggle to keep it in the tracks and than try to let it slide into the right direction and let it stop just in time in front of the gate...

Spiritually we see the pothole story often happen in peoples life. Pain has caused wounding like potholes in peoples souls and these holes were over the years filled up with all kind of fake fillings for protection. But sometimes big shocks in peoples life's are washing away the 'mud' which makes people desperate. That is the time that God can take over and we than see beautiful things happen... He is more than willing to fill the holes up with His healing love...

Today was a special day for me. We are in the middle of a transformation week. One of our friends is again here this week. She is a lady who was abducted for 9 years by the Lords resistance army and came to MTO just after she was freed.

She is back now, and just finished her secondary school. She asked whether she could join this week once more to take more time to receive healing.

Today we had some time together and I asked her about her future plans. Very carefully she told me that she believed that the Lord wanted her here in this place. She was even so sure of it that she had already told her friends that she would get a housekeeping job here most probably. She wanted to know what we thought of it. During soaking prayer the Lord had also told her that He had washed her clean and had opened a new door so that she would be ready for a new step.

Some of you might remember her story and you need to know that Ingrid and I have sensed from the first time we meet her, that she might become one of our staff members some time on the future. We had discussed it again what we could offer her just last week.

This week the three of us are asking the Lord for a clear confirmation. She would be very helpful in kitchen and housekeeping since the centre is getting busier. Slowly she would be able to be involved in ministry to start giving out what God has entrusted her through all the difficult years and the process of receiving inner healing.

God had told us from the beginning that He would bring the right people in the right time. It seems this lady is one of them: a very special daughter of the King of Kings!

Winette



Prayer watch for Mto Moyoni

December 2005 started the prayer watch for Mto Moyoni. There were some individuals from the support group of Ingrid and Winette who faithfully prayed for them already many years. After the open prayer meeting for Mto Moyoni in September 2005, new ideas were born. To support the work of Mto Moyoni directly in emergencies by prayer a prayer tree was build. It works as follows: The moment I receive a call or SMS from Ingrid or Winette, I call or SMS the people who are at the top of the tree, and they transfer it to the "branches". We have now 27 names on the list, and there are 4 prayer trees already. We call it Mto Moyoni's prayer wood!!

How does this work? : It happened in a retreat where inner healing is the central theme. Four Ugandan men were experiencing difficulties, having a hard time, it was building up in the week. The night before the last day Winette called me and asked for prayer for a breakthrough.

So the prayer tree started praying!!

She didn't know that they were that night harassed by evil powers! They couldn't sleep. After hours of praying they experienced a breakthrough, they even saw angels around their house! In the morning they were so tired that they decided to skip the program in the morning. But the Lord had other plans! The dogs of Winette normally guard the property in the night, and they never come close to the houses of the guests. Droppie, one of the dogs went to the house where the four missionaries were staying, and barked and

jumped against the door. They tried to send him away but they didn't succeed. Then they decided to go to the program because anyway: they were now fully awake! That morning they all had a life changing meeting with God!

It is great that the Lord uses this prayer tree and even the animals for His purposes!

Would you like to pray with us? Contact Arja Geurtsen, +31334566635 or mail mto-moyoni@planet.nl



Sponsors needed!

While for us westerners, counselling usually is payable, this is not the case for many African workers. Surely when they have to make a long trip. And this, while the prices Mto Moyoni handles, are very low. For a € 100,- someone can stay in a little cottage for a week and receive prayer, healing and counselling. And can experience the quiet and presence of God. This is why Ingrid and Winette thought about the following.

You can participate all the way from The Netherlands by sponsoring a minister for a retreat at Mto Moyoni. This means that you will give the amount to a minister of a church in Uganda, so he can participate in a retreat at Mto Moyoni. The effect of a retreat goes further than you think.

The whole church where this minister works, finds out the direct impact of the retreat. When you decide to finance a retreat, please mail or write to us; "Friends of Mto Moyoni". The address is in the colophon of this newsletter. Make a donation to "Friends of Mto Moyoni" and mention "sponsoring retreat African minister".

Colophon

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