

*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 through 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.*

### Hand in hand....

As members of the board we visited Mto Moyoni last November.

Of the Dutch group which has been in October we heard already beautiful tales. The country, the splendid garden to the Nile and the people of Uganda, made the time unforgettable. But really particular are the programmes and the quiet moments in which God affects hearts deeply with His love. As governing board members we had the opportunity to see with our own eyes the project again. We could experience how more than one hundred children enjoyed a very beautiful and lively weekend and heard all about God's Love.

Ingrid and Winette were fabulous hosts, they listened, spoke, encouraged, and organised also the last minute arrangements. They are so talented! God is using them for His special work! We saw also the need for them to take rest in time, to get a breathing space for themselves.

We were really impressed by all the hard work which is necessary to keep everything going.

We are thankful for the new helpers. It was good to get acquainted to them, to meet them personally and hear their life stories. So, we go on in the Netherlands, hand in hand, with our African friends, to support Mto Moyoni.

Arja Geurtsen and Hanneke Fonteijn



### Kids conference

A kids soaking conference was held in the weekend of 9-11th November on the new plots of Mto Moyoni. There were one hundred and twenty kids from an orphanage in Kampala. Also twenty children from CRO, out of Jinja, attended the conference. Of course also the children from the local village came to see what was happening. CRO, or the Child Restoration Outreach, is the project for street children that Ingrid started years ago. The conference was initiated by TRIN, a Dutch missionary organisation, which organizes conferences and supports projects in eighteen different countries. That's how they obey the commandment to take care of the widows and the orphans! The orphanage in Kampala, led by Joseph Lubega, is one example of these projects.

Because there are no facilities yet on the new plots of Mto Moyoni latrines had to be made and a tap was connected to the local water supply. A big tent gave place to everybody and was used for meetings as well as for sleeping. A generator provided the electricity. It was a fantastic weekend, with lots of music, sketches, preaching. The soaking was led by Laura Woodley and her team. The big boys learned fishing by the Dutch team, the younger kids made their own flag, and did games.

It was a time to meet, sing and pray. There also was a baptism for 60 children in the river! A video was made that gives a good impression of the conference, you can see it on

<http://nl.youtube.com/watch?v=BEOpQA6YyM>



**Staff**

We would like to introduce Audrey, she is born in Malaysia, and lives in Australia. She will support the team of Mto Moyoni for half a year. She works with AIM (Africa Inland Mission) and has done a tremendous job in developing our financial system, the in and out-booking of the money, the housekeeping budget, the salaries, taxes and other costs. She developed a good system and works it out on the computer. As an accountant, she is the right person at the right spot. She is a professional, inventive, and a nice and a lively person to work with. She made a lot of friends already in the neighbourhood.



Damali is already involved for many years in Mto Moyoni, because her husband Godfrey is member of the Ugandan board. Her three children attend school now, and she is able to work three mornings at the office, where Audrey introduces her to the work in bookkeeping and planning etc.



**Working together**

The work expands, more guests are coming and Ingrid and Winette are invited to speak on conferences and retreats.

We need more staff to work with us. Mto Moyoni is growing!

We are glad to introduce the Clay family.

In December Dave and Raych with Moses, Suzanna, Naomi, Jedidja, and Rebecca move to a house five minutes walk from the project. Dave and Raych worked for seven years in Uganda in New Hope, a project for orphans in Lweero, Uganda.

An important theme in their life and work is the Father heart of God. In their family they show what it is to be adopted in a loving family!



Three of their children are Ugandan, and are adopted. Dave and Raych will settle for half a year and help in Mto Moyoni, where possible. After this they will leave for some time for England, their homeland. They want their children to experience the life there; family, school, church and the English lifestyle. Then they will come back to work together in the project of Mto Moyoni.



**New logo**

This is the first newsletter with the new logo! This logo shows the love that flows as a river out of the Father heart of God, and gives life, touches hearts, heals and delivers. All by the cross, the fundament of our faith. We are also updating the website: [www.mto-moyoni.org](http://www.mto-moyoni.org)

## Dear friends

From Uganda : a very good Christmas.  
We wish that this Christmas and the new year 2008 will lead you on the way in the love of our Father.

In warm, and humid days we prepare for Christmas.  
Yesterday we ended our last official program of 2007. We expected twenty-one guests, but there were only eleven. Some of the others had cancelled because the deadly virus Ebola is discovered in the south-west part of the country. You are not allowed to travel in that area. More than thirty-five people have died and there are even more sick.

The good news is that the areas that are infected are closed now, and there are no new cases outside the area.

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n the weekend program people opened their hearts to receive more of the Lord.  
Most of them are working in different children homes, and the morning we focussed on the heart of the orphan was an eye-opener for most of them.

From that orphan spirit and behaviour we focussed on our own heart, that also shows that same behaviour.

God the Father will reveal Himself as the perfect Father.  
He gives us life as sons and daughters!

No more pushing, no more striving. Do not work yourself up to a level, or hide to prove. You are a child of the Father.

In Him you have your identity.

It is not what you do, but who you are in Him, and there is no higher position than being a son or daughter of Him.  
You have a special place in Gods heart!

We want to thank you so much for all your prayers of last year and other support.

You have blessed me. By your help I have come here and the Lord showed me my destiny.

Thank you for trusting me and giving me your support.



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