

*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.*

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The air is hot and humid when I walk down the steps of the airplane in Dar Es Salaam. It's like running into a wall. I am picked up by a German missionary and 2 ex-street boys. They take me to their home straight away. The next day we leave the big city and travel a 100km west to a small village. In the afternoon we arrive in a small church planting centre in a muslim area. At the end of the day about 50 ex-street kids are gathered, of which about 30 are going to attend the transformation week. One of the boys has only one leg, his right leg has been amputated at the hip. This is his story: Marks father died when he was 6 years old. His mother than decided to give her children away to family members as she finds herself incapable of caring for them on her own. While staying with his uncles, Mark is treated more as a worker than cared for as a nephew. He gets beaten up a lot and many times bad words are spoken over him. Eventually he runs away and ends up in the streets of Dar. One day he is walking around with his 'friends' and all of a sudden his mind goes blank and he is so confused that he doesn't know where he is anymore. His friends watch him and get terrified. A common belief is that this is caused by demons and so they start chasing him away. Mark runs for his life but when they catch him and put him on fire. Eventually people in the street come to his rescue but by than his legs are already terribly burned and his right one needs to be amputated some time later.



When I saw Mark on the first day, I saw a 15 year old full of anger. During the week it became very clear to me where that came from. What a pain in his life. On the 4<sup>th</sup> day we are sitting with him one on one and I help him to forgive his mother by standing in for her, helping him to speak out what his deep pain is. With eyes full of hate and rejection he looks at me like I am his real mother. He shouts out all the pain and bad things she ever did to him. Eventually he starts sobbing and we pray Fathers love over him. We then help him to speak words of forgiveness over his mother, to give her the gift she doesn't deserve but what will lead him into freedom. After a long time of struggle he decides to forgive her. A big leap closer to the Father! The next day we pray prayers of deliverance and in the name of Jesus we break the power of anger and bitterness over his life. At the end of the morning he feels a lot lighter and for the first time he looks me straight in the eyes with a smile on his face!

Mark is now free to take the next steps in his life, knowing that the Father didn't reject him for his hatred and bitterness but is drawing him closer to Himself, ensuring him that he is His son!

Blessings,

Winette



### Helping hands

We are very grateful to have Aart van Milligen here at this moment. Aart has come for a few weeks as a maintenance man and is experienced in many different areas. He works together with Peter, our maintenance man here and is training him as much as possible in the area of water, electricity and all kinds of other jobs.

### Join prayer for Mto Moyoni, March 20, 2009

Friday March 20 we will again gather for prayer for the work of Mto Moyoni. In the same way as before in different parts of the Netherlands houses are open. It is so good to meet each other who have a heart or he work in Uganda. At 1930 hour you are welcome.

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If you join the prayer somewhere else on the world, please contact to us! Together we will thank the Lord for what He has done and listen to Him for His will and His revelation.

### Short news

Peter and his family are very encouraged by the reactions they received when their son George died. He thanks everyone for the mails, financial contributions and prayer.

Our visit to Southern Sudan had to be postponed partly because of the worsening security situation in the area we planned to go to. We still hope to go later this year.

Next week my mother is coming to stay for three weeks. She will celebrate her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday in Uganda. A real reason to party!

Ingrid Wilts



### Archbischof initiates

The new year started off well. We had a special meeting with the Archbishop of Uganda Henri Orombi and the former chairman of the Evangelical Alliance in Uganda Pastor Wafula.

They were very encouraged when they heard what God has been doing in the lives of people and the prophetic words that Mto Moyoni had received over the years.

The Arch bishop commented: This place brings life to people's hearts that have been wounded for so long. It is like a small dispensary but we should not despise the small beginnings." He had the impression that God was ready to move forward. "We are Gods contact points in Uganda. It is so important that Ugandans own the vision" He invited the Ugandan Board for a special day of prayer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009. When we closed the meeting with prayer I strongly felt that our project now has been owned by one of the highest spiritual authorities in the country. It was a special moment and we are looking forward to which part of Gods heart He will share with us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



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