



December 2016

A word from Sister Mariola

The children, Sisters, "mommies" and I want to wish you and your family a very joy-filled Christmas. We are especially thankful for the gift of your love and support and hope that you will come visit us at our home where you will be welcomed as members of our family!

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and many blessings for the coming Year,

Sr. Mariola

Our children

New children

We welcomed many children into our Kasisi family. Baby Annie Grace was only a few days old, Anastasia, Memory and Mercy are already growing fast and we are amused how quickly they grow into nice little toddlers.

Discharged children

We said goodbye to Charity who found a new home in her aunt's family. Joseph left Kasisi to live abroad with his new and such a wonderful adoptive family. Charity and Cathy found a job and became independent. Andrew and Joseph also moved to Lusaka and stay on their own working hard. They all visit us from time to time and we are very proud of them and their achievements.

Examination Class children

We are very happy to let you know that two of our children: Chileshe and Monday have just finished their Secondary education and five others: Watson, Jethro, Judy, Mirriam and Mary finished their Gr. 7. We wish you all the best for the future!

Kasisi Children's Home

The home was founded in 1926. It is being run by the Congregation of the Little Servants of Mary Immaculate. Since 1926 it has grown to be the largest and best-known orphanage in Zambia. The children's home is situated 37 km from Lusaka, out in the countryside.

The main objective of the children's home is to provide the children with basic needs, care, love and protection and to ensure that these children will be self-supporting once they reach adulthood. All the children go to school and after secondary school the children's home supports them in further education or in finding a job.

As a family is the best place for a child, Kasisi Children's Home tries to find solutions to bring the children back to members of their extended family, if necessary with support.

At the moment, the children's home has a separate wing for babies and younger children, a small house for older girls, a street kids house and two wings for children who are infected with HIV/AIDS, namely The House of Hope and Martin's Room. Four Polish Sisters, three Zambian Sisters and about fifty Zambian Housemothers run the children's home.



Scene from Kasisi Children's Home

General news

New house for our older girls

Thanks to Pope Francis and Kasisi Foundation, our teenage girls will have a new, beautiful home. It is family style building with two large bedrooms, sitting room and the kitchen. With the help of one adult our girls will get prepared to live independent life in the future. As per Holy Father's request the house will be called The House of Mercy.



The new House of Mercy

New study room

Since the replacement of our old wall fence, we got some additional space around our home. This allowed us to build two additional study rooms which are being used by the children not only for studying but also as computer rooms.

Six computers were donated by Friends of Kasisi from different countries. To make our joy complete, a wonderful team from Microsoft donated internet connection and offered us assistance in providing educational programs for children.

At the same time Kasisi Study Fund with the help of Dutch donors provided 10 small tablets with complete primary school program in seven Zambian languages.



Study Room

Art group

Kasisi children are still very active in the art group. Every Saturday one of Zambian Artists – Daut Makala comes to teach art.

Our children who have already started their independent life are still painting and producing great art.



Painting by Suwlanji Banda

USA Visit

In September Sr. Mariola was invited to visit USA for Mission Appeal. We are very grateful to Rev. Fr. Jan Swiderski for this invitation. We are also grateful to Friends of Kasisi in the US for their kindness and help. Mr William Whelan and Mr Hugh Balloch made this visit very interesting and fruitful.

This visit brought new friends and supporters for Kasisi. We are also very happy to wonderful American people for all the help given to our children Nenani and Tamara who are studying there.

Contributions

Stichting Kasisi in the Netherlands for helping us to pay the salaries for the 50 mommies each month for some years now.



Meeting with Nenani, Katie and Tamara

Some special helpers

We would like to thank the Friends of Kasisi Children's Home for their continuous support. For details, please see our website:

www.kasisichildren.org

Szymon Holownia comes frequently to our home and helps us through the Kasisi Foundation which he started three years ago. We are very grateful for all our friends who help us through this great foundation.

During the last years we have been visited by ***Grant Snyder***. We all enjoy every minute of each of his short stays with us. Thank you Grant for your help and for tons of candies you spoil us with!

Carla started and manages Kasisi Study Fund. She makes sure all the educational needs of our children are met.

Mr. Vaghela and family for their continuous support.

We would like to thank Angelique, Anabell, Jan and Caroline who come to Kasisi and help us in many different areas.

Help wanted!

Kasisi Children's Home urgently needs:

- Computers
- Desks or computer tables
- School bags – any type or colour
- Washing powder
- Bathing soap
- Pampers

*Thank you all
for your kind support!*

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