



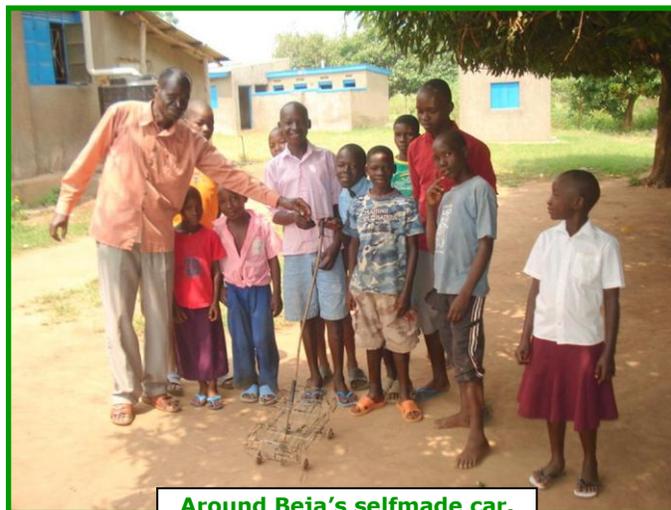
# The Linda Project

**A child has the right to be a child!**

## Newsletter no. 2 - 2011

**August 2011**

As usual towards the end of summer we send you our newsletter with an update about the children in Northern Uganda. They are doing well and are enjoying their vacation. On 5 September schools start again with term 3, the final term of the school year. The children will have to work hard!



**Around Beja's selfmade car.**

## Shortage of food in Northern Uganda

A climate change is going on, whereby rains do not come according to their usual pattern anymore. This causes drought. If then enormous deluges of rain do come, you get flooding and landslides. Both are not constructive to the growing of crops. Then, some farmers have rented out their land to large commercial agricultural companies without considering the fact that they also need to feed themselves and should have kept some land for home use. Others are going to Juba, South-Sudan, to sell their cattle, since they get 3 times the price they would get at home. All this causes enormous food shortages. This year it first looked good, although the rains came late. In Lira District the people were able to harvest their crops. But elsewhere crops have now been destroyed by enormous rainstorms, with hail, lightning and severe winds. Bridges have collapsed, roads have changed into rivers. Relief items and aid groups can't even get there anymore.

What does this mean for us? We are being confronted with enormous increases in prices. Inflation is now at 19%. For instance, sugar was € 1,00 3 months ago and now sells for € 2,50. We don't know sugar anymore. Sunflower oil went up from € 1,75 to € 4,50/2 liter and we do need cooking oil. In general you can say that prices for food items have doubled compared with 6 months ago and the end is not in sight.

Because of the inflation everything is going up in price every week. That means school fees have been increased, school –and personal requirements are much more expensive to buy. The budget for our Children's Home is not enough by far.

## Health

This vacation we gave all the children a medical checkup. Nothing serious came out of it, although some children have to go to Kampala for tests, since there are no specific testing facilities in Lira. Some will also see the dentist, as their teeth are outgrowing their mouths.

## The new car

Good news: in our last newsletter we wrote about our adventure to bring the handicapped children to their school in the Carib, our 1991 car, that gives us many problems. A well-wisher read this and decided that this couldn't go on anymore, we needed a new car. And guess what? We received a fantastic amount of money, so now we are driving around in a beautiful Nissan Elgrand. Perfect car, high on the wheels, 4WD, and it sits 10 children easily. The car is still in perfect condition, it's a 1998 model.

We are very happy and grateful!



In front of the cleaned Nissan Elgrand.



## Gardening efforts

We do not sit still at House of Grace. We are very busy growing our own crops. The results are good. We grow cabbage, carrots, lettuce, cassava, maize, tomatoes, bananas, sugar cane, pineapple and beans. Only, it isn't enough by far. We need a big land to really become self-sufficient. We also have 2 sheep, Betty and Emanuel, and lots of chickens.



Monica, Allan and Rosemary with our sheep.



Cabbage



Jozina

## Life in the village

The students of S4 (O level) by the end of the school year have to decide what to do next. We went to visit agricultural schools, to find out if that was something to choose. On our way we met a "bridge" that we had to cross, otherwise we would never reach the school. It's very possible, the local people said. Well, with the 2 boys, Moses and Isaac, in front of my front tires and walking backwards, I followed them slowly in the car. And yes! We made it. Boy, boy!



The bridge.



A picture of how people live here.

## Visiting the relatives

At the moment Patrick and Charles are very busy to take all the children to their respective villages, to meet their relatives. That way these children meet their great aunts and – uncle’s, grandparents, sometimes a cousin. Very special really and quite emotional. The children appreciate this enormously.

## Vacancy

In October Marieke Ellens, our very appreciated Secretary in The Netherlands, is leaving the Project. Her life is going in a different direction now and we wish her lots of success in her new endeavors. Thanks a lot, Marieke. We are now looking for someone to fill her position.

## Finally

We thank everybody very very much for all their contributions. Without you we couldn’t do our work.

An urgent request! We are looking for people:

- Who want to sponsor a child;
- Who want to sponsor us in general;
- Who want to organize a fundraising activity;
- Who will sell our CD;
- Who want to work in our Primary School for 1 year as a teacher.

Interested? Please do not hesitate and contact us!

All best wishes,  
Jozina van Eerdenburg



*Isaac, Judith, Moses and Dorcas at the Agricultural school.*

## The Linda Project: Care and education for orphans in Northern Uganda

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