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Introduction

The foundation Bouwen met Bouma's has been erected in 2005. Four brothers Bouma (Durk, Willem, Herman and Klaas) have visited Zambia for the first time in 2006, together with Yt, Durk's wife.

A fifth brother, Johannes Bouma, was a missionary for years in Zambia. He was and is the big inspiration source for the foundation. He also brought us in contact with people of the local BmB board that we can rely on.

With financial support for small-scale (building-) projects, the foundation tries to make a world of difference.



2005.....2025

On September 19, 2025 BmB will celebrate its 20th anniversary, a day of reflection.

In the Netherlands, we will celebrate this in a sober way, but in Kaoma they will undoubtedly make it an exuberant party. With lots of singing and dancing and unavoidably many speeches.

Change

The annual newsletter of the Stichting Bouwen met Bouma's may undergo some changes after this year due to circumstances.

One of the original founders of the aforementioned foundation, HERMAN BOUMA, has decided in consultation with the board, given his age, to transfer his work for the foundation to Gerard Schoemaker after 18 years.

The decision to withdraw from this now highly valued and much admired organization will not have been easy for Herman, because he has devoted himself with full dedication to this freely chosen task every day. It is therefore to be hoped that the BmB Board will succeed in continuing the work started by the Bouma family years ago for the benefit of young people in Zambia in the same honest, convinced and diligent way.

We must not forget that the annual Christmas party has played a clear role in the foundation's development since the beginning of the BmB foundation. After all, once upon a time, two poor parents could breathe a sigh of relief when they found a hut to protect their newborn child, Jesus, from the bitter cold.

May the BmB board also succeed in continuing the valuable work started by its predecessors with the same passion for the benefit of many people that is still in need of help in Zambia.

*With kind regards,
p. Johannes Bouma cmm
Missionaris van Mariannhill
St. Paul, Arcen*



From the chairman....

In 2024, we were able to realize another great project in Zambia. The foundation built a building with 4 class-rooms at the Trades Training Institute in Kaoma.

At this secondary school, students can follow a vocational training. This varies from accountant, metalworker to bricklayer. It is expected that 1000 students will soon go to school here. We hope that this will give them a good start to provide for their own livelihood in the long term.

The project was partly financed by a substantial contribution from the Lent Campaign in collaboration with the Sint Antonius van Padua Parish Sneek, Roodhuis, Blauwhuis and Heeg. A large amount was raised with great enthusiasm from both the churches and the schools affiliated with the parish. Herman reports on the construction work later in this newsletter.

As indicated in the previous newsletter, Herman and Gerard went to Zambia together last summer. Gerard's experiences can also be read in this newsletter.

With the completion of the premises at the Trades Training Institute, Herman's years of dedication to our foundation has finished. In good consultation, it was decided that Gerard will be the contact person for the foundation board in Zambia as construction coordinator, starting in 2025.

Herman has been very important in maintaining contact between our board in the Netherlands and the board in Zambia since the foundation was founded in 2005. He has been to Zambia 2 to 3 times a year to see with the local board where the need was greatest and where we would start working in the following year. In all those years he has recorded his experiences in text but especially by taking beautiful photos.

As BmB board we have enormous appreciation for his years of dedication to the foundation and owe him a great deal of gratitude for that. Herman has lost his heart to Africa. He may be retiring as coordinator, but he will definitely go to Zambia again, together with Lies.

In 2025 it will be 20 years since the foundation was founded. We would like to commemorate this together, both in the Netherlands and in Zambia. We will let you know exactly how we are going to fill in the anniversary in the Netherlands.

We have already decided that as a board we will go to Zambia in the summer of 2025 with the new construction coordinator and Herman to reflect on the collaboration that we have had for so many years now, together with the local board.

We think that is something to be proud of!

Wytze Bouma



Photos:
Presentation in the church in Heeg

Lent Campaign at primary school
De Opsteker in Heeg



The official request

Kaoma Primary School is located in the Naliele Palace of the Lozi people on the western side of Kaoma. The school, which was established in 1947, has not received any additional classrooms since then, despite the fact that the number of pupils has increased to 855, consisting of 397 boys and 458 girls.

Due to the government policy that education is now free and that former pupils can be re-admitted, the classrooms are extremely overcrowded.

The school is currently being upgraded to a secondary school. This upgrade is necessary to meet the growing demand for education in the region. Increasing the number of classrooms is essential, as the school receives many young people from different communities such as Lishubani, Naliele, Samasengo, Kapupa, Mafiela, Sangenjo and Kandongo.

The current situation makes it difficult for the school to fully meet the educational needs of these communities.

The expansion and upgrading of the school will improve access to education and contribute to reducing illiteracy in the area.

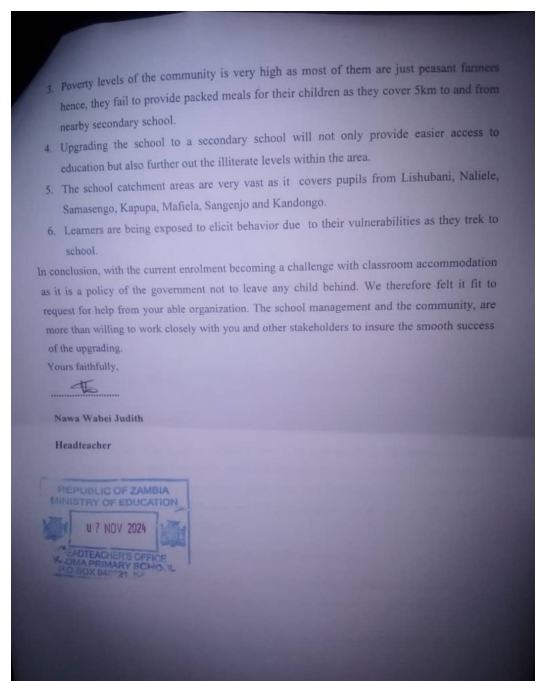
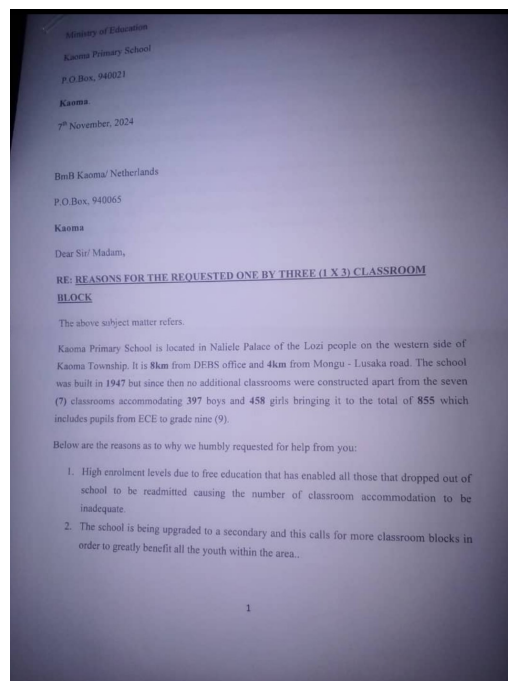
In addition, the community is struggling with significant poverty, as many residents depend on agriculture and many families struggle to provide their children with daily meals. A necessity, especially considering the long distances that students have to travel to attend the nearby secondary school.

Therefore, the school management, together with the community, urgently appeals to your organization for support. We are more than willing to work closely with all stakeholders to realize the successful expansion and upgrading of the school and thus improve the educational conditions.

Nawa Wabei Judith
Head teacher

Photo:

The official request



Project 2025: 1x3 classroom block in Naliele

BmB will also build a 1x3 classroom block in 2025, this time in Naliele. Not really unusual of course, but this is special because a Senior Chief lives in Naliele.

A little bit of history: before the colonial period, Zambia was divided into different kingdoms. Barotseland in the Western Province was and still is such a kingdom on paper. For good governance, the king depends on Chiefs and Senior Chiefs.

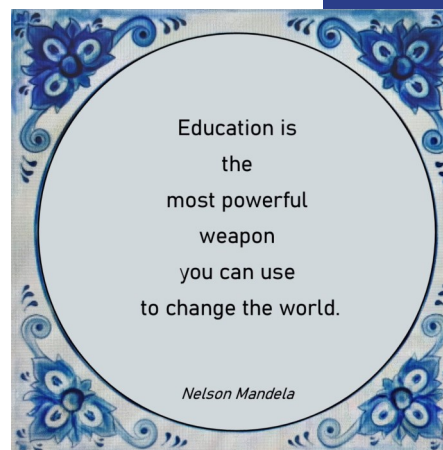
Before we can tell the community in Naliele about the plans, we first have to visit the Chief and believe me, that is quite difficult. You can't just ring the doorbell. It involves a lot of traditional ceremony, like bowing, kneeling and softly clapping your hands and eventually you stand in front of His Royal Highness. Yes, that is really how he is still addressed, and after that we can explain the reason for the visit.

Of course he is aware of the activities of BmB in the Kaoma region and he is pleased and grateful that this time Naliele has been chosen for a new BmB project.

Leaving the palace also involves the necessary formalities. For the Zambians this is very obvious, but for me as a down-to-earth Frisian....

Once outside, a photographer is waiting for us to take a few pictures, but to our surprise, the Chief also comes out and wants to have a picture taken with us. No problem of course. It turns out that His Royal Highness, or Mr. Akashambatwa, is just an ordinary person, like us.

*Herman Bouma,
coordinator/photographer*



The construction of the Kaoma Trades Training Institute in pictures...



Photos:

Construction progress

Lent Campaign & project 2024

In the Zambian city of Kaoma, secondary education capacity is being significantly expanded, thanks to the construction of new classrooms.

Zambia's population is growing rapidly, and therefore also the need for schools. The government has enshrined the right to primary education in law, but the quality leaves much to be desired. Most children attend free municipal schools, where teachers are barely paid. In parts of Zambia, there are no secondary schools at all. Unemployment in the country is high, and a high school diploma or vocational training increases the chances of a good job.

In the city of Kaoma, there is a secondary and vocational school, KTTI, Kaoma Trades Training Institute. The number of students has grown considerably, so more classrooms are needed. The construction of four additional classrooms will increase the capacity of the school from 500 students to 800 students. Students aged 12 to 18 will thus have a chance for a better future.



MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE KAOMA TRADES TRAINING INSTITUTE 2024 – NUMBER OF STUDENTS				
S/NO.	COURSE	F	M	TOTAL
1.	POWER ELECTRICAL	10	70	80
2.	GENERAL AGRICULTURE	90	190	280
3.	SECRETARIAL	35	10	45
4.	METAL FABRICATION	NIL	13	13
5.	BRICKLAYING & MASONRY	NIL	31	31
6.	TAILORING	15	15	30
7.	JOINERY	01	20	21
TOTAL			500	500

NOTE: The current number of students is 500. It is anticipated that after the construction of 1 x 4 classroom block by BMB is completed the institute will be able to introduce three more courses such as:-

1. Plumbing and sheet metal
2. Auto mechanics
3. Computer studies
4. Food and nutrition

Therefore the estimated number of students after construction of 1 x 4 classroom block shall be 800 from 500 students.

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PRINCIPAL

The school and the parents of the pupils are involved in the construction. They are responsible for extracting sand and gravel and making the bricks. This makes them feel partly responsible for the new school and its future maintenance.

The construction is carried out by local construction workers. The Trades Institute trains carpenters, among other things. As part of their training, they make the furniture and doors for the new classrooms. After completion of the construction, the government will appoint and pay qualified teachers.

The local population is responsible for the new construction and BmB supports future maintenance. We are going for the long term.

We have registered this project with the Lent Campaign and the Sint Antonius van Padua Parish has campaigned for this project last year to collect the necessary project money. The Lent Campaign has approved this project and it increases the income by 30%.



Lent Campaign 2025

The construction of 3 classrooms in Naliele is planned for next year.

We have also submitted an application to the Lent Campaign for this project. For this, we have sought cooperation with the HH Petrus and Paulus parish in Heerenveen, Wolvega, Steggerda and Frederiksoord. Together with this parish, we hope to be able to raise a nice amount again.

Herman and Gerard together on a mission in Kaoma, Zambia

For me, it was the first time I visited Zambia for BmB. Although Zambia is familiar territory to me, namely from 1992 to 1995 my wife and I lived and worked in Manyinga.

Herman and a constantly changing delegation from the local BmB Kaoma board showed me all the projects. Mainly 2 - 3 classroom blocks, but also the Regina House, the mother care shelter and the kitchen of the former orphanage. The very first project, the Regina House, has now become a kind of village house.

At the moment, the largest project is being built: 4 spacious technical classrooms, with functional spaces in between for the Kaoma Trades Training Institute. And at the same time, the new BmB guesthouse is progressing steadily. This is intended for me as construction coordinator and other visitors from the Netherlands and Zambia.

We also visited the project for next year in Naliele. The teachers and the villagers are completely ready for it. The parents have already collected some of the necessary sand using buckets on their heads, a huge job, almost impossible.

That is why the remaining sand and gravel are now being transported by truck. In January, they will start making the concrete blocks.

I was also allowed to go to Lusaka to buy building materials and all kinds of accessories for the projects. A huge job in this hectic city, merchant spirit, efficiency and perseverance was the mantra! Arranging transport to Kaoma is also not an easy task!

I will always remember from this trip the captivating, beautiful musical Catholic masses in the local Lozi language. I could barely suppress the urge to sing and dance along!

During the project visit, Herman announced his retirement everywhere and introduced me as his successor. After 18 years, he has left an unforgettable impression here, as evidenced by the many words of thanks, respect and admiration. Many students in the classrooms immediately knew who he was and spontaneously mentioned his name! Even in church, we were called forward by the priest! Everyone in Kaoma and the surrounding area realizes the void he leaves behind.

I have big shoes to fill!
Gerard Schoemaker

Photo

The "construction meeting"



Finance

As we are used to, the financial accountability is a fixed part of the newsletter every year. That is why we are once again providing you with the most complete overview possible of the progress of income and expenditure in the project year '23/'24 that ended on 31-08-2024.

The total net receipts this financial year amounted to € 88,994.--. As the figures show, we have again received many contributions from our donors. This is the basis for the success of our projects in Zambia every year. In addition, the proceeds from collections and contributions from churches amounted to € 6,538.-- and the benefits from various campaigns amounted € 10,700.-- A thrift store donated more than € 5,000.-- and we were also able to receive several contributions from anniversaries and various funds. We received a total of € 20,000.-- from legacies. And an amount of over € 2,300 was added to the interest, which brought the total to the fantastic amount of almost € 89,000.

We are very grateful for this result. It allows us to continue our work for our less fortunate fellow human beings. The annual organizational costs have increased slightly compared to last year. Unfortunately, we cannot avoid the price increases either. This concerns the costs of promotion, postage, management and bank costs. The travel and accommodation costs amounted to over € 8,000; that is also higher than last year because Herman and Gerard, his successor, also arranged the transfer of Bouwen met Bouma's in Zambia.

The project costs this year exceeded € 100,000 for the first time, namely € 106,525. They were largely spent on the construction of a kind of trade school consisting of 4 classrooms. The opening and transfer of the school took place recently and offers many students opportunities. A replacement car was also purchased this year and maintenance was carried out on the various existing BmB buildings/schools.

Now we have a nice reserve and can therefore make nice plans. For the future, we would like to continue to count on your contributions and help, which we have had again in the past year and for which we are very grateful. This is partly why we can continue our good work.

The BmB board

Revenues

Gifts and donations	€ 35.032
Ecclesiastical contributions	€ 6.538
Activities	€ 10.700
Contributions from anniversaries	€ 7.075
Thrift store/various funds	€ 7.315
Legacy	€ 20.000
Interest	€ 2.334
Total revenues	€ 88.994

Expenses

Annual expenses:	
Promotion/organization	€ 2.588
Administration costs	€ 806
Memberships	€ 219
Banking costs	€ 505
Total annual expenses	€ 4.118

Project expenses

Building costs project	€ 98.300
Travel and subsistence expenses	€ 8.225
Total annual expenses	€ 106.525

Total expenses	€ 110.643
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Cashflow

Balance September 1st 2023	€ 292.130
Revenues year 23/24	€ 88.994
Expenses year 23/24	€ 110.643

Balance August 31st 2024	€ 270.481
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Specification liquid assets August 31st 2024

Balance saving account	€ 233.724
Balance current account	€ 36.757

Total	€ 270.481
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And a nice amount from family
Haagen Twello after all kinds of
promotions

Meeting of friends BmB



If possible, we want to organize another meeting in October next year. The exact date and time will be announced as soon as possible. By means of a powerpoint presentation the board will give you an update of the activities of the past year. You will gain insight into the financial situation and the plans for next year will be discussed. We would also like to brainstorm with you, while enjoying a drink, about the future of BmB.

Bouwen met Bouma's is also on Facebook..



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www.bouwenmetboumas.nl

Are you helping us build? BmB is looking for board members



WE ARE BUILDING A FUTURE FOR ZAMBIA

Will you help us organize a number of small-scale activities such as a sales campaign, a sponsored walk or participation in various markets? Of course, you will represent the board in the Netherlands and, together with the other board members, you will ensure new donors. We meet once every two months and organize a general foundation meeting once a year.

Ps. We are also open to not participating in the board but to setting up a separate activities committee that think of activities together with us and then takes on the organization.

Are you an organizational talent, a bit creative but above all very enthusiastic? Are you able to motivate people to action and can you communicate clearly and distinctly? Then this volunteer job is tailor-made for you.

Will you help build?!
Mail to info@bouwenmetboumas.nl



WE ARE BUILDING A FUTURE FOR ZAMBIA

Are you someone who is good with numbers and likes to make a difference?

You manage our banking affairs, such as receipts of donations and payments to projects in Zambia and you draw up a clear profit and loss account and cash flow every month. You prepare the annual accounts and the project result annually, essential for our transparency towards major sponsors and you also maintain the membership file of our loyal donors and process changes.

Will you be our new financial jack-of-all-trades and help us realize our mission? Contact us and strengthen our enthusiastic board.

Together we make the difference! 🌍

Will you help build?!
Mail to info@bouwenmetboumas.nl

**Tige tank
Dank u wel
Thank you
Niitumezi kumina**



It is impossible to thank everyone who has donated money to BmB personally. The law on privacy makes that very difficult and moreover donations often come in by name only. **Hereby we want to thank everyone for their donation.**

For BmB, every donation (not only large gifts but also small donations) is important.

If you donate an amount and you would like a confirmation of receipt please let us know.

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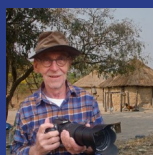
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Herman
Bouma and
others



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She also wishes all friends of BmB a merry Christmas and a lovingly 2025!

Are you helping BmB to continue their mission? To make it easy for you, we present the opportunity to issue an automatic permission. Complete the mandate form below and then send it to: Stichting Bouwen met Bouma's, B. Steegengastrjitte 11, 8561 GL BALK, The Netherlands. On behalf of the people we may help: THANKS. Online you can also donate! Via www.bouwenmetboumas.nl.

Mandate Form

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