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Dear Reader

In this stayConnected, you can both read about and see a well in Malawi, and you get a brief retrospect of family camp 2023. In October Cicero from Brazil will visit us. You also have the opportunity for a visit from him. You can read more about that and also see invitations to our events.

You will, as always, receive a suggestion for prayer topics and a calendar in the email.

Enjoy!

Mette



THE WELL IS BUILT

By: Mette Rønfeldt Poulsen, Sjellebro

Everyone at this year's family camp has built a well this year! The fundraising and the cafe's profits went to build a well in Malawi. It is now finished and is a source of great joy.

But haven't we already built a well?

Yes! In 2021 we also fundraised for a well in Malawi in the village of Maniwa. It was made later that year, and the chief told us that it has changed the lives of more than 150 households in a radius of over 8 km. The last time we were in Malawi, Ulrik met a chief from a village approx. 7 km. from Maniwa, who also gets water from this well.

The surplus goes to Safehouse Ashes to Beauty

The total amount raised from the camp this year was more than enough to build a new well in this chief's village, Salule. Of course, the remaining amount still goes to Malawi. Our partners YWAM Zomba in Malawi go with a dream of having a so-called Safehouse for women and children exposed to human trafficking or prostitution. We call the project "Ashes to beauty" and it is expected to start in 2024. Both YWAM Denmark and YWAM Faroe Islands are involved in the project.

Thank you so much to all of you who has been and is helping in prayer and financially. You are making a big difference for people.



In this video, the chief shares her gratitude for the well and the help to her local community translated into English by Jotham from YWAM Zomba.



A musical thank you from the village of Salule.



LOOKING BACK AT FAMILY CAMP

By: Mette Rønfeldt Poulsen, Sjellebro

Week 30 stayed true to tradition at family camp in Fjellerup. In addition to the recurring activities such as football matches, adults vs. teens (congratulations to the teenagers!), good coffee in the tipi, eating ice cream waffles by the beach and pancakes at the camp itself, talking, laughing, having fun, party nights in various groups and the teenagers' night run, then there was also what made the family camp 2023 very special .

A whole heart

Carlos Penning from California was this week's speaker for the adults and had the theme "whole in heart". With his background as an adopted child, he shared both his deep processes of belonging and a powerful teaching about how we are all adopted and added to God's family. It was a week with the father heart of God, our identity in him and, for many, a new, deeper understanding of what it really means and implies that we belong to God.

New faces in the camp leadership group

Erika and Kristian Østergaard from Ringkøbing have in the many months of preparations and at the camp itself infected us all with their energy and enthusiasm. We know them from previous camps and outreaches, and we are happy that they will be helping to run the family camp in the coming years.

Thanks for a wonderful camp to everyone who joined!

- In the early spring, we were asked to join the camp leadership for YWAM's family camp. It was an easy decision. We looked at each other and nodded, and said yes immediately, because here we are not just filling an empty space in an organization. We are involved in the work with our ideas, strengths and weaknesses and we have really enjoyed it. It has been a pleasure to work with the rest of the team! We all work with the same goal: A camp where Jesus becomes known - and then the rest is details.

- Erika and Kristian



Stand with us in prayer!

Stand with us and pray for:

- Peace in Ukraine and restoration of both Ukraine and Russia. We will keep this as a prayer topic until the war ends!
- For YWAM Zomba's work in Malawi and for the village of Salule. Pray that the well and the relationship with the Zomba base will be an opening for God's word, love and transformation.
- For Cicero and his visit to Denmark. Also pray for the soccer project Show De Bola in Brazil, that the work may grow and that the young people may have life-changing encounters with God.
- For YWAM Denmark. Pray above all for God's leadership and vision for the work, but also for more staff.
- For the autumn holiday event in Soli Deo Gloria. That people may be met by God and get a heart for mission. See the feature at the end of the email.



A VISIT FROM BRAZIL

By: Ulrik Corneliusen, national leader

On October 9, we will have a visit from Cicero Felix from Brazil. Cicero has been to Denmark several times. He is a missionary and works out of YWAM Recife in northeast Brazil. Cicero and his family work with a soccer project which aims to disciple and keep young people away from crime and drugs. Cicero is today 36, and together with his wife Vandeklea he has 2 children, David and Ester.

Rough start to life

Cicero's life has not been the easiest. Cicero lived with his family in the countryside and lived in poverty. When Cicero was only 5, he witnessed his father being killed in a very violent way and was left with the body of his father until his mother found him the next day. The following years were hard for the family, and they ended up moving towards the big city of Recife to try to get away from hunger and poverty.

There, several of Cicero's siblings and he himself ended up on the streets as street children. From the age of 7, Cicero lived on the streets and was part of a gang. Crime and drugs were a part of life. When Cicero was 12 years old, we met him with our YWAM Rescue team. The year was 1998 and a few months later, exactly on February 12, 1999, Cicero moved into the Hope House. Cicero came as an illiterate in 1998. Today he has a university education and leads a work where more than 200 young people are disciplined through the soccer project.

Would you, your school or youth club want to get a visit by Cicero?

Feel free to contact me at ulrik@ywam.dk if you would like to be visited by Cicero. We

want to get out to schools, churches and confirmands and talk about Cicero's life and work. He is skilled at sharing his story, and you are both challenged and inspired. Don't wait too long, as the calendar fills up quickly.

Cicero will be in Denmark from 9 October to 30 November.



Welcome to the ceramics workshop at Sjellebro!

We hold two different workshops – on 27-28 October and 17-18 November 2023.

We hope you will join us:

- To create a free space where we can enjoy ceramics together
- Giving form to ideas and concepts
- To inspire and encourage each other
- To rejoice together that we are God's creation and that the desire to create and creativity is given by him.

It is something very special to create your own handmade work of art!

You do not need to have any experience with clay to join. Working with clay is fun, cozy, relaxing and rewarding.

We have room for 15 participants at a time, so hurry up and register using the button below.

[Read more and sign up](#)



12 October at 18 starts Dinner with Meaning up again

Sjellebro opens its doors again for a good dinner, delicious dessert and fellowship for a good cause. True to tradition, there is (almost) no other program than a cozy relaxed atmosphere around a nicely set table.

You avoid the cooking and the dishes and at the same time support one of our international partners' projects.

Price & registration

The evening costs DKK 100. You register by paying to **mobilePay 727219**

The focus of the evening

All money raised this evening goes to the Show De Bola project in Recife, Brazil. In short, Show De Bola aims to get children and young people off the streets by means of soccer training, discipleship training and help for school and family.

We will be visited by Cicero, one of the leaders of the project, who will share much more at 19.30, both about the project and about his own background with a life on the street.

Comedy in October



During the autumn holidays, our premises in Soli Deo Gloria in Copenhagen will be busy. As one of the locations for their UP COMEDY FESTIVAL, Comedy Zoo has borrowed SDG this week in October.

What does that have to do with mission?

Every day for 6 days, the audience comes to 4 performances. We make sure to welcome them with coffee and soft drinks. We have chosen that the payment for this goes directly to our mission projects with our international partners. Everyone who comes for the comedy shows will therefore gain knowledge about both who YWAM is, but also what mission can look like in 2023 and how they themselves can personally help make a difference.

Please join us in praying for the event

Will you join us in prayer for all the guests? Our heart and desire is that, in addition to having a good experience, they may gain a heart for mission, but above all also gain a curiosity for the great God we serve.

Calendar

September

- 12/9 - 21/9: Leadership conference in Thailand (Núbia and Ulrik)

October

- 12/10: Dinner with Purpose, Sjellebro
- 16/10 - 21/10: Comedy in SDG, Copenhagen
- 27/10 & 28/10: Ceramics workshop, Sjellebro

November

- 17/11 & 18/11: Ceramics workshop, Sjellebro
- 30/11: Dinner with Purpose, Sjellebro

We reserve the right to make changes to the calendar.

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