

Talea and Lucca from Venezuela to Zambia



RAINBOW OVER THE OM BASE

Ukutendeka ukupya mwi samba lya mulu wa Afrika

A NEW BEGINNING UNDER AFRICAN SKIES

A lot has changed in the recent months. After our time in Venezuela and a short stay in Germany, we have now arrived **in Africa** – **our new mission field**.

We are doing very well and are **very grateful to God** for how He has guided and prepared everything. We are currently settling into our new mission work and already **feel very comfortable**. We live with two Germans, **Anna** and **Jessica**, and meet regularly with the **Fischer family**, who are also German, to play games – both with the kids and with the parents.

In the meantime, we have gotten to **know** some of the **different ministries** and decided where we would like to work. You can read more about this on page 3.

But first things first...



JESSICA, ANNA AND US



THE FISCHER FAMILY AND US

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Los últimos tiempos en Venezuela

THE LAST DAYS IN VENEZUELA

Juego, diversión y bendición

FUN, GAMES AND BLESSINGS

The **holiday program** was a **complete success**! The children had a lot of fun and around a third of them were participating for the first time. They **did crafts, played games and learned new things**: they made bracelets and picture frames, took karate and dance classes and enjoyed exciting activities in English, programming and science. Each day began with a short **devotional, prayer, song and game** – a wonderful start to the day.



A **heartfelt thank you** to everyone who made this possible with their donations! This enabled **60 children to participate**, a **bus** to be rented **for the beach day**, **30 Bibles** to be purchased, and **new stools** for the children to be bought. **Thank you for all your support!**

Las últimas semanas

THE LAST WEEKS

After the holiday program, we still had about two weeks left on Margarita. We spent time at the **beach with friends, visited children at home and played with them** and finished our **English course with the teenagers**. We also went on a **two-day tour of the island** with Profe Rosangela and took part in various **farewell celebrations** with children and young people. Our congregation also gave us a warm send-off – with prayers and small gifts.



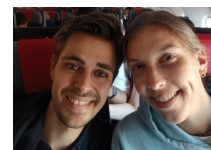
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THE DEPARTURE

Fortunately, our **departure** went **more smoothly than expected**. Friends drove us to the airport in Margarita and Caracas. Three days before departure, we were able to **pick up our passports without any problems** and spent the rest of the time with Marí, Vanda's mother, and visited a church outside Caracas together.



Everything went **smoothly at the airport**, even though we had to be there four hours in advance due to the slow procedures and just stood around before boarding the plane. So, on the evening of **22.09.2025**, we made our way back to Europe – **with passports** in our pockets **and many impressions** in our luggage.



Parada en Alemania

STOPOVER IN GERMANY

Our time in Germany was both **intense and wonderful**. We visited family, friends and the church, enjoyed game nights, made plans and reflected on our time in Venezuela. Even before leaving Venezuela, we had **researched** online and **contacted various mission services**. After **praying together**, we received a clear **“go” from God for a ministry in Africa**. Then it was time to start preparations: gathering and sending documents, creating a new packing list and getting the things we were missing. On the **27.10.2025**, after almost five weeks in Germany, we began our **journey to Africa**. After about 24 hours, we finally reached our new home for the next three months:

OM Zambia.



OM Zambia

OM ZAMBIA

Icifulo mu Kabwe

THE BASE IN KABWE

The organization ProChristo Global Missions Zambia (PGMZ) was **founded in 1998** and renamed OM Zambia after a **merger in 2009**. From the beginning, the base in Kabwe had the **goal of equipping local missionaries for worldwide service**. Thanks to their work, **80 missionaries** have already been sent to various regions of Zambia and other African countries.

Today, around **90 people work at the base** and support various projects, including a **safe house** for girls, a **school**, a **school for children with disabilities**, the **Sports Ministry** and numerous **outreach programs**.

Volunteers come regularly to support the work for shorter or longer periods of time – and now we are among them.



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INSIGHTS INTO THE MINISTRIES

In recent weeks, we have been able to **visit five ministries** outside the base that are particularly concerned with **helping people in need**:

- **Mercy House** is located in Makululu, one of the largest slums in sub-Saharan Africa, with over 215,000 people living in very basic conditions in mud or brick huts. At Mercy House, children receive **lessons**, can do their homework, **learn gardening and vegetable growing** and take part in **sports activities**. Everything is embedded in **devotion and prayer** and they receive a **warm meal**, which for many is the only one of the day.
- **Bethesda** is a **school** for 50–60 **children with various disabilities**. In the mornings, the children receive lessons, followed by targeted movement therapies in the afternoons.
- **Tabitha** is aimed primarily at **women**, but also at a few men. Over the course of a year, they **learn practical skills** such as sewing, housekeeping and handicrafts so that they can **earn money** later on.
- The **Makwati School** teaches 360 **children from very poor neighborhoods**. In addition to a better education, they receive **two hot meals a day**. Due to high demand, there is even a waiting list.
- **Hope on the Streets for Children** offers a **day program for 24 street boys** in Makululu. The day begins with **devotions**, followed by math and English **lessons**, **sports activities**, time for **washing** and a **communal lunch**.

Each of these services demonstrates how **diverse mission** work is here and how much **children, young people and families** benefit from it.

Ilingi line icaku Zambia

TYPICAL ZAMBIA

- **Nshima** is the **national dish** and is made from **cornmeal** into a porridge that is traditionally **eaten with the hands**. It is usually served with meat, beans, fish or vegetables. It reminds us a lot of Venezuela, even though it is not fried here.
- **Languages:** In Zambia, there are around **70 other official languages besides English**, a remnant of the colonial era. In our region, **Bemba** is mainly spoken and in general, you can communicate with people almost everywhere using Bemba or Nyanja. From now on, the headlines will also be in Bemba ;)
- **Supplies:** Similar to Margarita, there are frequent **supply shortages** here. Fortunately, we have running water at the base thanks to a **groundwater pump**. The **power** currently **goes out almost every evening** or even in the afternoon and comes back on at night, which is normal here. Thanks to a solar system, whose batteries are currently being replaced, we should soon have a reliable power supply. The internet is also not always reliable – but that's not a problem for us, as it gives us more opportunity to play board games.
- **Chitenge** is a **colorful printed cloth** that women **wear as skirts** or **use to carry their children or shopping** on their backs.
- Zambia has **three seasons** – hot season, cold season, and rain season. We are currently in the **rain season**, which we personally find very pleasant.



Amapepo ya kulomba

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Provision** for the people in need here
- **Wisdom** for us and all other employees from OM
- **God's guidance** for our future

Thank you very much for your support, no matter in what way. May the Lord bless you and repay you a hundredfold!

Mwaposha kabili kuti twamonana inshita imbi!



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