

# Talea and Lucca from Zambia to Germany



ZEBRAS IN CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

## Ukupwisha kwa mwaka wesu uwamulimo

### THE CONCLUSION OF OUR MISSION YEAR

Our **recent time in Zambia** was a **great blessing** for us – and we were also able to be a small blessing ourselves. We were **working in the ministries until the beginning of December**, before **traveling to Livingstone** with Jessi and Anne (a Dutch missionary) **for two weeks on December 8**. The **12-hour bus journey** was definitely a **cultural adventure**. Shortly before Christmas, we returned to Kabwe and celebrated our first **Christmas away from our families** – but **with friends in faith: the Fischer family and Anna**. At the beginning of January, we resumed our work, helping out at “Hope on the Streets for Children” (HSC) for the last two weeks, which was a **really nice way to end the year**. Even though the “Bethesda” school unfortunately only reopened shortly before our departure, we were able to fill our **last few days with valuable encounters and farewells** to people who had grown very dear to our hearts.

#### JESSI, HSC BOYS AND US



#### CHRISTMAS



#### MINIBUS TO LIVINGSTONE



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# Ubumi bwesu ubwa cilabushiku mu Zambi

OUR EVERYDAY LIFE IN ZAMBIA

## Umulungu ne milimo yesu

### THE WEEK AND OUR SERVICES

Our week began on **Monday morning** with a **joint devotional** for the **entire OM Zambia team** – a wonderful time of worship and brief input before we really got started. Our work week began on **Tuesday**: In the morning, we went to "**Bethesda**", where we spent time with **children with various disabilities**. While Lucca also helped there on **Wednesday**, Talea supported **Makwati School** with organizational tasks, such as sending information to donors and sponsors. On **Thursday and Friday**, we worked together at "**Hope on the Streets for Children**" (HSC): with devotions, math and sports lessons – and, of course, eating nshima together, which Talea often helped to prepare. In the afternoons, we were usually back at the base and on **Fridays** we occasionally helped Anna with the "**Missionary Kids Meet Up**" to give the missionaries' children a special time too.



## Pa mpela ya mulungu ne calici

### THE WEEKEND AND THE CHURCH

We usually spent our **weekends** relaxing at the base – often **playing board games** with Anna and the Fischer family. We also had the opportunity to support "**TeenStreet**" twice, including a large event with around 400 young people right here at our base. The goal is to strengthen young people and their faith and to connect them with other churches.



Without our own car, it wasn't easy to get around, but the Fischers took us into town to shop every now and then. Fortunately, we were also able to go shopping on Sundays after church.

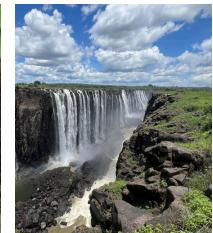
The **church service** was always a **real highlight**: it started early in the morning and the **worship** in particular, **with singing, dancing, raised hands, and loud shouts, was full of joy and life**. The **sermons strengthened our faith** – even if the pastor liked to announce "now I'm coming to the end" several times before it was actually over after more than an hour...

## Amapompo ya menshi. ifyakusangalala nafimbi ifingi

WATERFALLS, SAFARIS AND MUCH MORE

The **12-hour minibus ride** was a pretty **bumpy start** – but we just saw it as a cultural experience. In Livingstone, Pia, a friend of Jessi's, joined us, and the five of us explored the **city named after missionary** and African traveler **David Livingstone**. Of course, we visited **Victoria Falls** and a **museum** about his life. The absolute **highlight**, however, was a **three-day camping safari in Botswana**, which we were able to experience with Jessi and Pia: seeing these God-created animals up close and spending time in nature was **deeply impressive**.

In the end, it was time to **say goodbye to Jessi**, who flew back to Germany with Pia, while we traveled back to Kabwe with a stopover in Lusaka.



## Ukubwelela ku Germany

### BACK IN GERMANY

On **Tuesday, January 20, 2026**, our flight took us **from Zambia to Johannesburg**. There, too, we were able to **experience God's blessing** in a very practical way: a missionary we had met earlier in Livingstone organized accommodation for us – and although our **hosts** were unable to host us at short notice, they still **paid for us to stay at a beautiful lodge, without even knowing us**. It was a real surprise and a strong sign that God's ways are sometimes simply unfathomable! This gave us time to **explore Johannesburg** and **visit the impressive Apartheid Museum**. On **Thursday, January 22, 2026**, we finally flew **back to Munich**, where we were **warmly welcomed** by our families.

#### **And what happens now?**

First, we will **live with Lucca's parents** until we find **something of our own in Stuttgart** – yes, you read that right: Stuttgart! **Lucca will start Bible school at the Gospel Forum there in the fall**, and **Talea** is already **looking for a job**. So **we expect to live in Stuttgart for the next 2.5 years**.

The best part is that **Jessi also lives and works there**, so a reunion is guaranteed.



## Amapepo ya kulomba

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Provision** of the right job and suitable apartment in Stuttgart
- **Wisdom** for all upcoming decisions
- **God's guidance** for our future

Thank you very much for your support, in whatever form.  
You have made this year possible for us.  
May the Lord bless you and repay you a hundredfold!

Twatotela sana pa kwafwilisha kwenu, mu nshila ili yonse. Mwalengele ukuti uyu mwaka ubeko kuli ifwe. Shikulu amupaale no kumupeela icilambu imiku umwanda umo!

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

**Matthew 28:19-20**