

Mazereews in Zambia

October 2015

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Zambia, where we have been busy distributing food to families and communities affected by severe drought.

In this newsletter, we thought it might be interesting to tell you a bit about the distribution process.

1. During the week prior to the distributions, the maize meal, beans, oil and salt are delivered and stored in a warehouse in Mwandi.



2. There are 11 distribution sites in the Mwandi district, with one site at the old United Church of Zambia church. At this church site, the commodities are distributed right from the church to 400 households.

3. The other 10 sites require two trucks to be loaded from the warehouse. Once the truck arrives on site the beneficiaries assist in the unloading and Riens is teaching them how to stack the food in quantities sufficient for 10 households.



4. Prior to the distribution the beneficiaries receive instructions on the process, especially when the seed was being distributed.



5. In many places the women break out in song as the food arrives.



6. The beneficiaries sign their card indicating the commodities they will receive.



7. The beans are shared, with each household receiving 5kg.



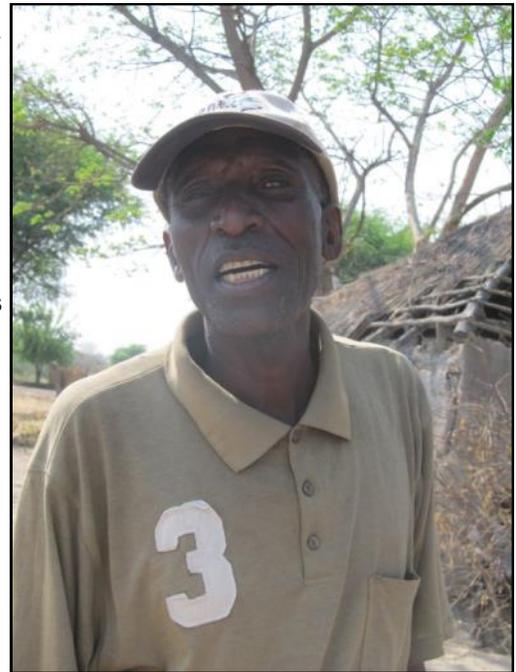
8. The food is taken home in a variety of ways including by canoe, oxcart, or just on foot.



It has been a blessing to be part of this distribution process and to hear the impact that it has on families in need.

This older man spoke English very well and expressed his appreciation for the food, with repeated exclamations of "good job".

He has 7 members in his family and they were hungry. Before this distribution, they only had some milk to drink. They would each get a bit of milk before bedtime so that at least they could sleep without feeling so hungry. He said it was very difficult to see his grandchildren suffering.



We're so grateful to be able to share this blessing of food with him and his neighbors.

Christian greetings
Rients & Margaret