



From June to December 2006
we

Paul and Meta Lapperre
drive

“Wa Bashasha” (“Be Humorous” in Swahili) - our 1975 Land-rover Series III - back from Cape Town in South Africa to our cottage in Sibratsgfäll in Austria and then to our home in Veldhoven, the Netherlands.

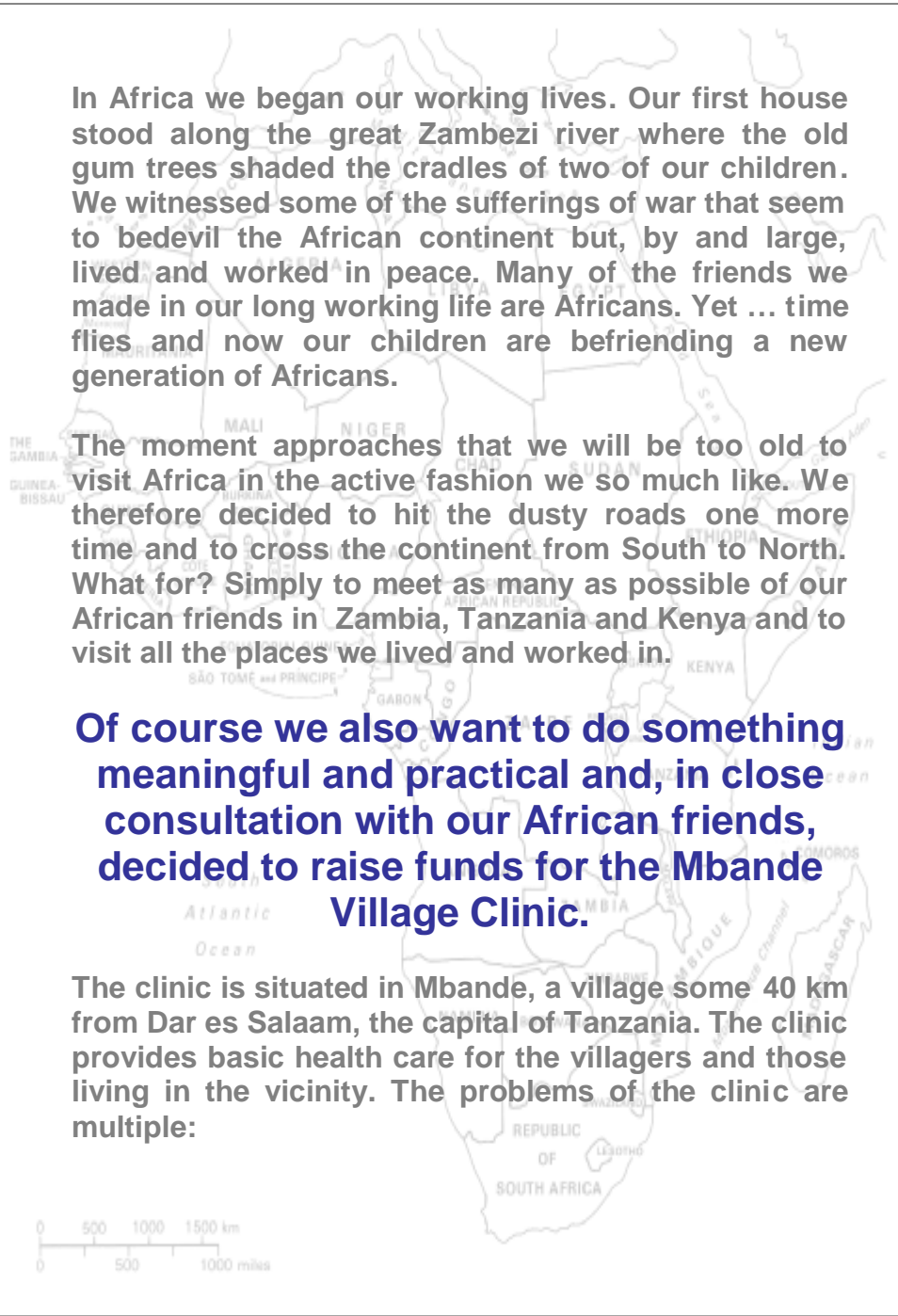
After 40 years of living in and working with Africa, and in view of our progressing age, time has finally come to say farewell to our African friends and the continent we came to love so much.

Our adventure also serves the more practical purpose of:

Assisting the Mbande Village Clinic in Tanzania

Please turn this page and read what it is all about and how you too can contribute.

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In Africa we began our working lives. Our first house stood along the great Zambezi river where the old gum trees shaded the cradles of two of our children. We witnessed some of the sufferings of war that seem to bedevil the African continent but, by and large, lived and worked in peace. Many of the friends we made in our long working life are Africans. Yet ... time flies and now our children are befriending a new generation of Africans.

The moment approaches that we will be too old to visit Africa in the active fashion we so much like. We therefore decided to hit the dusty roads one more time and to cross the continent from South to North. What for? Simply to meet as many as possible of our African friends in Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya and to visit all the places we lived and worked in.

Of course we also want to do something meaningful and practical and, in close consultation with our African friends, decided to raise funds for the Mbande Village Clinic.

The clinic is situated in Mbande, a village some 40 km from Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania. The clinic provides basic health care for the villagers and those living in the vicinity. The problems of the clinic are multiple:



Lack of medicines, lack of instruments and equipment, lack of infrastructure, lack of electricity and safe water. Advised by the people on site we decided to raise funds to:

- install a bore hole, pump and overhead tank to secure the supply of safe water
- build a ward for patients to stay overnight
- build a wound dressing room

To realise our plans we need some 40.000 €. That, of course, is a huge sum but we are confident that we can raise it. Our former professional network - health care and development co-operation - is our first target. Our family and friends come next. By global standards they are all rich and we hope and trust that they will part with some of their wealth.

You can transfer your contribution to ABN-AMRO 59 55 57 058 Lapperre: Mbande Village Clinic Tanzania. If you want to contribute in kind, please contact us.

We will acknowledge receipt of your contribution, send you our newsletters and keep you informed about the project. The closing date of our fund raising is 1st May 2006. Execution of the project will commence by 1st September 2006.



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