

Class 4c of the Elementary School in Bierlingen

EASTER 2010

...to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Ephesians 1: 6 - 7



# MISSION

Actually, we were supposed to give a sign of life in March but before we knew it it turned April and we are already celebrating Easter! We have been in Germany for four weeks already and have had a good stay so far with a lot of variety. Right now, Marco is in Finland with a good friend, enjoying a "guys holiday" that is not only a lot of fun for him but also a wonderfully refreshing experience for his faith. Justine and Naomi are at home with family and are happy about unusual pleasures such as bike rides with Naomi on the back (in a bike seat) and playgrounds at every corner.

## The first weeks in Germany

**T**he first two weeks we spent at the YWAM base in Hurlach, South Germany, where mainly Justine was helping in the communication department while Marco spent a lot of time with Naomi (which instantly made her a total daddy's girl!). It was good to refresh relationships there, organise some administrative issues and have a presentation at the base's weekly community evening.

During this time we also made a short trip to an area close to Stuttgart. We visited a 4th grade in an elementary school that had collected a couple of thousand euros for Sibongile and Wakkerstroom in a fundraising run last December - and they are only 22 students! We spent a whole day with them, answered their many questions about the projects and South Africa, showed pictures of Sibongile, joined their English class and simply marvelled about these great, involved children and their parents. We could also hand them a 500 piece puzzle with the picture of the Sibongile Team and a picture book of South Africa as a small thank you for what they had

accomplished and they were really excited about it. The kids hope that the other grades and their teachers would also choose to support Sibongile or other projects because it was such a blessing for them to get involved in such a way.

During this weekend we also had the opportunity to speak at two youth groups of which one has decided to sponsor one of the children at Sibongile. It was great to meet so many young that take initiative and choose to be so generous!

Last week was also an nice extra in our trip. We could finally redeem a voucher for a ski holiday with our family that was given to us as a wedding gift almost six years ago. What a contrast to the heat four weeks ago...

The weeks ahead bring some more presentations. We will send the details about the events again soon. Until then we wish you a blessed Easter time!

Naomi playing in the snow (and run off water puddles) during the ski holidays

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