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- 18.-19.06 Christliche Gemeinde
Norderstedt
www.cgnorderstedt.de
- 20.-22.06. Freie Gemeinde Neugraben
www.neugraben.de
- 23.-26.06. Friedenskirche Buchholz
www.friedenskirche-buchholz.de
- 27.-30.06. EFG Meppen
www.efgmeppen.de
- 01.-03.07 Oase Christengemeinde & Stadt
Cloppenburg
www.oase-christengemeinde.de
- 04.-06.07 Christuskirche Bremen-
Blumenthal
www.christuskirche-blumenthal.de
- 07.-10.07. Immanuel Gemeinde
Kaufbeuren
www.immanuel-kf.de
- 15.07. Gospel Life Centre München
www.gospellifecentre.de



Unexpected Multiplication

In the last newsletter we told you about the official opening of Sibongile Day Care Centre. In the last two weeks the facility made up of renovated shipping containers has taken on another function: an emergency home for six disabled children from a former children's home. We were contacted by a lady whose charitable trust has been supporting a children's home with 24 healthy and six disabled children in Khayelitsha. The local director of the home has been accused of maltreating the children as well as embezzling funds which led to the involvement of the Department of Social Services. It was decided that the home would be closed. But where should these little ones go? The children without disabilities were to be sent to various children's homes in the surrounding community. And Sibongile was asked if we could take in the six disabled children - as soon as in any way possible

What do you do in a situation like that? Sibongile II and III are full, Sibongile I, the container site, was not supposed to be used to house any children, despite the fact that the day care is running there. But there is no other open institution in Khayelitsha and the life and safety of these kids would be seriously at stake... So Nomasango and Marco said yes!

Under heavy police presence and a massive collection of protesting

But God has surely listened and heard my voice
in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not
rejected my prayer or withheld his love from
me. Psalm 66:19-20



sibongile.org - worth a visit

Regular and interesting news and info. Soon available in German too, thanks to a lot of willing translators!

neighbours (who did not agree with the decision of the Dep. of Social Services) the children were taken out of their former home. Even the local newspaper reported about it in big scale. Sibongile's name was not mentioned because it would be too dangerous if the community knew where the six children and two of their caregivers found refuge. The charitable trust, in shock about the terrible practices at their own children's home, were quick to help and bought beds, clothes and supplies for the

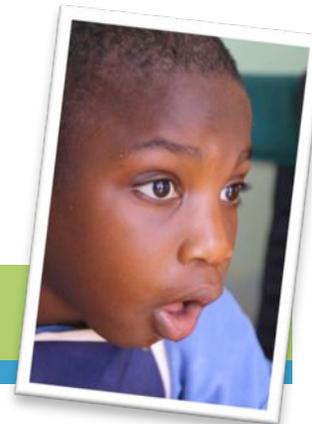
children now in our care. The former director had indeed hidden all their belongings from the police, including their life saving medication, which we only got a few days ago from a social worker.

Of course, this state of emergency at Sibongile I cannot continue for much longer. Tomorrow we will lodge an application with [Sternstunden e.V.](#) through [Humedica](#) for the purchase and equipping of a third house for Sibongile (see first page). The decision about funding will be

made in the beginning of May and it is our prayer that we will be able to buy the house (right next to Sibongile III) as soon as possible.

Until then we will make the best of the situation and trust God for the extra support that is now needed more than ever.

We are glad to be able to provide a secure environment for these children,



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where they can develop and be cared for lovingly.

Personal Schedule

From 7 to 14 May, Marco will attend a Trauma Response Workshop at YWAM Bethlehem/ South Africa. He will learn more about the counseling side of dealing with catastrophes which centres mostly around personal

trauma (such as armed robberies, rape, tragic and sudden losses, etc.).

While in Germany, there will be a few presentations where we'll share personally (more info later):

So, 5.06. Oase Molbergen
Mi, 8.06. Pfingstgemeinde Oldenburg
Sa, 16.07. Ev. Church Eberdingen

So/Mo, 17.07/ 18.07 Visit in Netphen, Dreistiefenbach
Fr - So, 22. - 24.07 Marco at Seehospiz in Norderney

It would be great if we could see some of you in one of those cities!

God's blessings, the 4 Spalkes