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Flying with children

Most parents think: "I would never do this!" when talking about this topic. But as a matter of fact long distance flights are not as much of a drama as everyone thinks, when making good use of these

aids:



Limitless inflight entertainment. Age appropriate boundaries can be taken care of again once your home.

Play areas at transit airports.

Even in the middle of the night, the mission is: run, jump, climb, become tired!



Pre-order children's meals for over 2 year olds. At least with Etihad Airways these are a total winner!

We are back!

We have been back home since the 4th of August and every day life is running as smoothly as if we had never been gone. We are looking back at a really blessed time in Germany:

The **Africa Alive 2011 Tour** was a total success on various levels. The Christians in the different churches were encouraged to keep going in their walk with God, seek Jesus more and to include him more in their every day life. The band leader Trevor often spoke about the Fatherheart of God and the true meaning of praise and worship in his preachings and devotions. The people from different backgrounds who saw and heard the band on the streets, in pubs and in concerts heard about God's power and grace as some of the young band members shared their moving testimonies. The band was also able to sell a lot of their CDs and clay instruments and the income went straight into supporting Trevor's ministry "[Restoring the Sound](#)". The tour was a blessing for Germany and South Africa alike!

Marco got some amazing new contacts for **Sibongile** and **Wakkerstroom**. A group of people that we know have decided to take care of sponsorships for the students in Wakkerstroom, who want to go to High School, and find sponsors amongst their own friends and fellow business people. Sibongile on the other hand has been granted a donation of four live-in modules by a well-known building systems

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 7:12



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company, which are supposed to substitute the containers at Sibongile I. The fund-raising for the costly transport of those fully equipped units will be followed up by a business couple. And because these units or modules have so much empty space inside when being transported we will fill them with 30 000 diapers that a health supply company has donated - and of course other donations that will come together until it will all be shipped to South Africa.

Personally, we had to cancel many

visits and speaking engagements. Ourselves and the children did not cope very well with the constant change of surroundings and people. But even though we did not have much chance to speak about our own ministry there has been so many people who have started to support us regularly! Before we left we had the impression not to talk about our personal finances on this trip, as we usually don't. God obviously took care of it himself...

And finally, shortly before we left to South Africa Noah decided that

he would do us a big favour and start walking!

In South Africa...

...quite a lot has happened while we were gone. Eight volunteers arrived in Cape Town and began to work independently at Sibongile and in Wakkerstroom. We could delegate the airport pick ups and brief orientations of their colleagues to the volunteers as well as the



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implementation of their daily schedules and everything worked out really well. Sibongile has shown some remarkable improvements and even though there is some reworking to do, we are very satisfied to see that Sibongile keeps going relatively normally even though Marco is gone!

In July Nomasango, the leader of Sibongile, was nominated as "Woman of the Year 2011" in the area of Health Care Givers. Although she only became second in her category (the winner was a surgeon who does kidney transplants from one HIV-positive patient to another - not bad!), but she participated in the whole gala

evening which was broadcasted on national TV on the 8th of August - including footage of Sibongile! So our project got lots of publicity and Nomasango could spend the night in a 5 star hotel in Johannesburg for the first time in her life :)

Blessings, the Spalke Clan