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## Africa Alive 2011

- 18.-19.06. Christliche Gemeinde Norderstedt  
[www.cgnorderstedt.de](http://www.cgnorderstedt.de)
- 20.-22.06. Freie Gemeinde Neugraben  
[www.neugraben.de](http://www.neugraben.de)
- 23.-26.06. Friedenskirche Buchholz  
[www.friedenskirche-buchholz.de](http://www.friedenskirche-buchholz.de)
- 27.-30.06. EFG Meppen  
[www.efgmeppen.de](http://www.efgmeppen.de)
- 01.-03.07. Oase Christengemeinde & Stadt Cloppenburg  
[www.oase-christengemeinde.de](http://www.oase-christengemeinde.de)
- 04.-06.07. Christuskirche Bremen-Blumenthal  
[www.christuskirche-blumenthal.de](http://www.christuskirche-blumenthal.de)
- 07.-10.07. Immanuel Gemeinde Kaufbeuren  
[www.immanuel-kf.de](http://www.immanuel-kf.de)
- 15.07. Gospel Life Centre München  
[www.gospellifecentre.de](http://www.gospellifecentre.de)
- 17.07. Agape Wort Zentrum Günzburg  
[www.awz-gz.de](http://www.awz-gz.de)

## Only 5 days!

Hello from Germany! We arrived in our home town Cloppenburg on the 2nd of June and have already spent some wonderful days at home. The time before our departure in South Africa has been so much more relaxed than it usually is, we have felt your prayers - thank you! The flight was a bit stressful because of Noah, but at least Naomi - the experienced jet-setter - did so well throughout the entire trip. We have nothing to complain about and have caught up on most of the sleep - almost :)

On the 18th of June **Africa Alive** is starting with its first event! When we got on the plane two Wednesday ago a friend of ours contacted Marco's mother (since our cell phones were already turned off) to tell her that he found a vehicle for Africa Alive! It was so last minute, but we are able to save a few hundred euros as Marco was forced to book a rental car for the whole time, which was very costly. We still have to come up with 800 Euros for this car... so we won't say no to any "mobile-making-donations" :). Trevor and the Band have struggled to get visas for Germany, so Marco had to push the matter a bit by contacting the German Consulate in Cape Town. But now that this obstacle is out the way, four weeks of exciting musical events and communicating the Gospel to Germans through African sounds will be up and running!

For further details about events, places and times: [www.spalkemission.com](http://www.spalkemission.com).



It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. The man who fears God will avoid all extremes.  
Ecclesiastes 7:18



# German Cell Phone Numbers

You can contact us on our new phone numbers:

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## While at Sibongile...

Nomasango brought us some sad news last week: one of our Sibongile kids, Lindokuhle (top middle photo), passed away a week ago. Since his arrival at Sibongile he has been one of those children that you always have to worry about, because he was never doing too well. He had been in the hospital for a few days where Lindokuhle's high fever could not be brought down and so he died because his severe disabilities affected his health so

negatively. The life of the Sibongile children often hangs on a thin thread - these kind of events remind us of this sad truth that we so often deny...

We wrote a few months ago that we applied for funds at two German organisations ( "Ein Herz für Kinder" and "Sternstunden e.V."). Unfortunately, both organisations sent us a negative answer so that the planned improvements at Sibongile I as well as the purchase of a new house will have to wait.

On the other hand, potential partnerships have emerged here in Germany. Marco had a few meetings concerning that already and we are excited to see what that will look like.

## First presentation

We spent the first Sunday after our arrival in our home church



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([www.oase-christengemeinde.de](http://www.oase-christengemeinde.de)), where Marco did a mix between presentation and preaching. It was about Jesus being the vine and us being the branches. When we stay connected to him we can accomplish all things through him and with him. We realize that this is an area that God wants us to focus on in the future, be it in our personal lives or in the ministry

## And because we are proud parents...

...we can share stuff like this in our newsletter: Naomi received her "See Horse Certificate" (Seepferdchen-Abzeichen in German). This is the first certificate that German kids get when they are able to swim at least 25m, jump into the pool from the side and dive for a ring in the water. The

little see horse that you see in the picture above will be proudly sewn onto her swim suit so that life guards see from afar that she doesn't have to wear floating devices in the water. Oh so German :)

Also: Noah turned 1 year old yesterday! Yep, time flies.

Blessings the 4 Spaltes