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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
- 16.07. Evangelische Kirche Eberdingen
www.ev-kirche-eberdingen.de
- 17.07. Agape Wort Zentrum Günzburg
www.awz-gz.de



Last News Before Germany

We will be flying to Germany in 27 days, which means our next newsletter will be sent from the home front! No matter how much we try, the last few weeks are always stressful. Marco will be spending all of next week in Johannesburg on a Trauma Response Workshop (we gave some info on that in the last newsletter), while Justine will mainly focus on creating new information materials (printables & movie). A photo presentation as well as a sermon have to be ready before we depart, since we will need those as soon as we arrive at home. Then there is still the cupboards we have to empty, furniture that we need to move, personal belongings that we have to store away so that two volunteer girls can stay in our apartment for June and July. Also, we will have to shop for small South African goodies to take home, pack our suitcases and... oh yeah, there happens to be two children that would like some attention in the midst of all that, a ministry that needs to keep running and be prepared for our absence, plus all the emails and phone calls for Africa Alive. As you can see very easily, we need a looot of prayer!

Everything is going really well with Africa Alive. On the left you can see that two dates have been added to the end of the tour (and the picture shows Trevor Sampson, the leader of this year's band). Unfortunately, Marco has still not been able to find a car for the tour, so

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22: 37-38



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More details about the various events will be online from today. Some things are still in the open, so keep checking for updates!

if you have any ideas or contacts that could help find a decently priced 9-seater for four weeks please drop him an email on marco@spalke.com!

Temporary Residence Permits

On SpalkeMission.com Justine already blogged about the lengthy (but successful!) application process: we have received our renewed Volunteer Work Permits! It is official, we can stay and minister in South Africa for another three years... Thank you, Lord!

This time something... feminine.

It's exciting to be in missions. But it gets even more exciting when you become a mother... and then have to master life in missions as a small family. Justine and two friends of hers - also mothers in missions - have started a support group in August 2010 so that we would not have to face this challenge on our own (well, also because women always look for a good excuse to meet and talk). By now it has grown to 10 women and about 15 children that meet every Friday

morning at someone's house. We either listen to a preaching or teaching downloaded from the internet or have incredible guest speakers visit us. Soemtimes the topics pertain to general mother/womanhood. But sometimes it becomes more specific for the typical things we deal with while living abroad as missionaries.

How do you manage to juggle quality time as a family and

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ministry? How do you integrate 'substitute family' in your life when you live so far away from all extended family/ grandparents? How do you keep your marriage healthy and thriving when you work so closely together every day? And how on earth do you survive a 24-hour trip back home - often times with several small children?!

Of course, it is not all about good tips. We do get rather honest, can pray for each other and share successes, worries, challenges and joys with one another. And sometimes it creeps over us and we do such unnecessary things as watching the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate live - including cucumber sandwiches and scones (s. photos on top). For

Justine these girl friends and comrades have become an integral part of her life and work in Cape Town. And Marco is quite happy about the group himself, as Justine comes home with lots of life improvement ideas - and often herself 'improved' :-)

Many blessings, the 4 Spalkes

