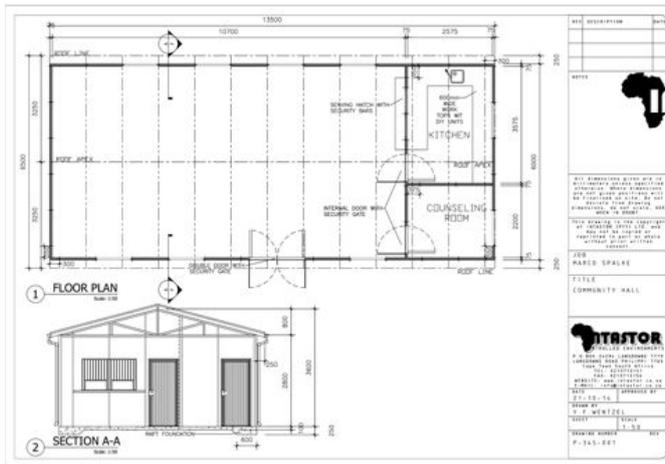


SPALKE NEWS

A Vision Takes Shape

We told you in our last newsletter that we started a feeding program in faith for the 77 children of 7 De Laan. At the same time the provision for the food came in and we were able to preorder and pay the food for the children for the next eight months. We can safely say now that none of the kids in this little community have to go to bed hungry anymore. At the moment the food is being cooked and served at the community leader's home, but we are confident to have the multi-purpose community centre completed by February/ March next year (see below plans). Already now, people have been touched by this vision and some large donations have been given for this very purpose. We will keep praying and working hard to have this facility up and running in the



the next few months. Some of you have asked us how you can support 7 De Laan. Our NGO in Germany has opened a sub-account for 7 De Laan:

Bank: Ev. Kreditgenossenschaft Kassel
Account Holder: HOSA e.V.
IBAN: DE18 5206 0410 0000 804878
BIC (Swiftcode): GENODEF1 EK1
Subject: 7000 + your address (important for receipts to be sent out).

We are thinking up plans for a HOSA website which will represent all projects supported by HOSA online (including 7 De Laan). We hope to offer paypal and credit

card donation options on the website too, which will make donating much easier for the international crowd.

The Harvest Is Plentiful but the Workers Are Few

We are continuously praying for people to come along side our vision for 7 De Laan and to carry it with us. There are so many areas where we need people to get involved. For example, in January a friend of ours, Esther, will come to record the stories of some of the 7 De Laan people and underline them with photos. She has done a school called Photo GenX where students learn how to tell the story of people who can't speak for themselves in words and pictures. Esther will stay with us for three weeks and join us when we visit the people in their homes and let them tell us their stories. The photos will be made available to them as well at a

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Matthew 9, 37

later stage. Afterwards a presentation of the end result will be done in Germany which will also serve as a fundraiser for 7 De Laan.

Does this make you listen up? Would you like to be part of the plan God has for 7 De Laan? We need committed people who first of all are burning for Jesus, expect great things from God and let the Holy Spirit lead them. Beyond that the possibilities of involvement are endless: setting up the preschool, anti drug courses, children's programs, worship and prayer times, sports for the youth, primary health and hygiene care, courses for women, counselling and inner healing... Of course we desperately need long term staff with whom we can grow together to become a strong team, but we are open to other time frames too. If you are interested please drop us an email and we would be very happy to skype with you!

Christmas

We will be spending some of this Christmas season in 7 De Laan. A huge Christmas party is planned on the 20th of December where everyone is invited to a sit-down dinner, a message about God's great love and gifts for the children. We will have a huge tent set up and try to really make everyone feel how special they are to God and that they are all worthy to be sitting at His banquet table. The gift for the children is symbolic for the generosity of God towards us, giving us Jesus. The parents will also not be left empty handed. We are so grateful to our home church OASE who has spiritually adopted 7 De Laan and is the main contributor to make this afternoon happen.

Donation in a Postbox

Twice in the last few months an anonymous person put a big donation into a German postbox, specifically for us. We don't know where the money comes from but in case he or she reads our newsletters we would like to let you know how thankful we are for your generosity and how perfect the timing of your gift has been each time! God sometimes provides in interesting ways...

God's blessings to you and your loved ones during this Advent season!

The Spalke Family



The 80 or so children in 7 De Laan have to fend for themselves outside of school. The preschool will be a huge blessing for those little ones especially.



Unfortunately, Leon broke his leg a few weeks ago. His mini walker brace doesn't bother him at all though, and he continues to be the busy little explorer that we know and love.