



marco
justine
naomi
noah

October 2012

Our big girl celebrated her 4th birthday.



Germany 2012

From the 12th to the 30th of October Marco will be travelling through Germany. In case you want to see him during this time, pop in for some of the following presentations if you live close by.

Dates & Places:

10/13 Oase Christeng. Molbergen

10/17 Lutherische Gemeinde Giessen

10/19 JMEM Hurlach

10/21 Immanuel Gemeinde Kaufbeuren

10/26 Gemeinde Lindern

10/28 Ev. Freik. Gemeinde Cloppenburg

In between the travelling Marco will also be in Cloppenburg to help our home church with the interiors of their new building. He would love to meet people for a coffee or a meal during this time too if you have time!

On a personal note...

We are pregnant! Yep, you heard right, the Spalke Clan is going to expand again ☺. Our new family member is going to make his big entrance into this world in May next year. We are so happy about this gift of God and we know that this little person will be such a blessing to us and the world. Obviously we will face a few challenges with this family growth. Our apartment, which we still love and are very comfortable in, is not very big and we know that with a third child a change of homes will probably be in order sometime soon. It's not easy to find an affordable rental apartment in Muizenberg but because our current place has been a crazy provision from the Lord as well, we trust him for another miracle of that kind and also for the right timing to move. Also, because of the due date being in May we will probably only travel to Germany as a family in July/August 2013.

Our daughter Naomi turned 4 years old on Tuesday! Many of her little friends joined her for the "Orange Party" and we are so happy and blessed to have this big whirlwind of a girl in our midst.

We can use any prayer back-up we can get! Here are a few prayer requests:

- Protection & strength for Justine during this pregnancy
- God's favour for finding a new apartment
- God's protection and leading of the Holy Spirit for Marco's trip to Germany



The Wakkerstroom School receives more help...
(see article below)

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
Proverbs 29:18



The logo of the new "Friends of Wakkerstroom" Committee



One of the drawings of the new Sibongile Day & Night Care Centre 2013

The arrow points to the current structure, Sibongile I, where we have the day care, kitchen and office of Sibongile. The surrounding facilities will be built on the new plot that was allocated to us by the city.

Full Speed into a New Season

We mentioned in our last newsletter that the ministries we are privileged to work with are growing steadily. The sponsorship program Wakkerstroom is expanding more and more and over 25 students have been enabled to go to one of two High Schools in the area. Three weeks ago the new website of the Committee went live and you are welcome to have a look at their vision and plans.

www.freundeskreis-wakkerstroom.com

The board of "Friends of Wakkerstroom" will be travelling to South Africa in November and Marco will join them to visit the students, schools, teachers and potential partners of the

sponsorship program. Their goal for this time is to "Walk the Talk" and the four board representatives have filled their schedule to the brim in order to see the sponsorship program grow and mature so that more young people can be given the opportunity for a better education.

sibongile has seen some more wonderful breakthroughs in the last four weeks. The Department of Social Development has sent an evaluation and monitoring team to our centres in order to determine whether we fulfil the standards of

the various government departments that support us. We scored over 90% in their overall assessment... When they asked us how we survived all these years without any government funding there was only one thing to tell them: We have a big God, who takes care of his children. They could not stop being surprised at the stories we told them of how God provided for Sibongile over and over again.

Meanwhile our vision expands more and more and is being confirmed. After receiving the confirmation that half of the public open space (of which Sibongile I occupies about 1/5th) has been allocated to us, we are planning to

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start building the new Sibongile Centre in the coming year (see drawings above). We obviously don't have the money for this huge project yet, but we've been there before and have always seen God move and open doors in our neediness. We always thought that a general centre like this would feel very institutional and isolated in Khayelitsha, which is not the label we wanted our kids to have.

But through the day care and awareness & educational programs Sibongile offers (and will continue to expand) for the community we feel very integrated in the area and accepted by the people. A centre like this will greatly simplify the steering & logistics of the homes, day care, therapies and admin of Sibongile. Even the Dept. of Social Dev. encouraged us to take this step to accommodate for the

inevitable growth Sibongile will experience. December awaits a trip to Zambia, where we see the possibility to multiply Sibongile. A couple from Zambia, who we have supported for many years, want to return home next year and have a heart for the Sibongile vision... We will see if this avenue has potential to be pursued.

God's blessings, the 5 Spalkes