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# SPALKE NEWS

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## Once upon a time...

...we wrote a newsletter. As in, a loong time ago. Because of our very full schedule in Germany and the unexpected break-in that happened right after our return we have experienced a bit of administrative havoc, having lost our laptops with most of our data on it. We can thank God for the many generous people he has touched to help us purchase a new laptop, the one this newsletter is being typed on right now. Normal order has almost fully settled in again and we have decided not to grieve the things that we have lost anymore. Thank you for all your prayers

and support during this time, we have really felt the love and know God had us in his hands all along.



Our family and homeschool routines have also been re-established again and the kids are thriving in their familiar environment and schedule. Warm, sunny days are starting to stick around a bit more too which helps to get the wiggles out. Here are 4/5th of the Spalke clan on the way to the beach. We sent this picture to Marco while he was in Zambia for two weeks, to prove that we are all still alive and working hard at making the most of it while daddy is gone (you gotta do what you gotta do...).

## 7 De Laan ... when God shows up

Our new ministry in the small township of 7 De Laan (8km away from our doorstep) is doing great! We are getting to know more and more people and it seems like every day God shows up in a small or a really big way. Shortly after our arrival (and in the midst of the break-in drama) Marco got the opportunity to pray for Paul who has been bed-ridden for 2,5 years, only able to take a few small steps on crutches around his bed. After the prayer Marco challenged him to get up which he did and then proceeded to walk all the way out of his house, up the hill and back with just light support and no crutches! We are sure that as his muscles strengthen he will jump and hop soon and also become more confident in his healed legs. We will also start a feeding program on the 28th of October to provide better nutrition to the 77 children aged 1-16 in 7 De Laan. We have seen the kids go to school without breakfast and go to bed with an empty stomach as well. After many conversations and prayer with the community leaders of 7 De Laan, we have taken this step in faith. The

**Come to me, all  
you who are  
weary and  
burdened, and I  
will give you rest.**

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Matthew 11:28

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plan is to provide two hot meals a day and give the kids some input from God's word each time. In the near future we also want to address and provide for the education of the children, anti-drug programs for the adults, medical care, emotional and spiritual healing through counselling and prayer as well as prayer and worship times at some point. Because the homes are far too small to host any of the above mentioned activities we have taken another step in faith and have applied at the city council for the provision of a piece of land on site to build a community hall/preschool building. We are excited to see what will happen with this application and sincerely hope that we can bring you good news about it in the next newsletter.

## ZIKOMO in Zambia... Step by step into the right direction

Marco traveled to Zambia from the 1st to the 15th of October to spend time with the people from the ZIKOMO project. This ministry amongst disabled children was birthed by Cedrick and Marco in 2011 and since 2013 ZIKOMO is a registered non-profit organisation and has recently launched its own website: [www.zikomo-zambia.org](http://www.zikomo-zambia.org). Many relationships to potential donors have been deepened during this trip (for example with the German Embassy in Lusaka as well as KLM's Wings of Support Trust). Marco spent a lot of quality time with Cedrick and his family, giving one on one input and guidance in many areas of life and ministry (and eating maggots, of course!). A vehicle with the ZIKOMO logo is now available to Cedrick to drive the kids from their family homes to their doctor's and physiotherapy appointments in the surrounding hospitals.

A long term goal for ZIKOMO Zambia is to open a day care centre mostly for the children suffering with Cerebral Palsy. That way, the children could remain living with their families, but would receive the necessary physiotherapy and specialised care on a daily basis. God has some big things in store for ZIKOMO and we are very glad to be part of this vision. Marco has also been invited to preach in two churches in Lusaka. A lot of healing and deliverance happened, bringing people into freedom. It was such a normal expectation for people, to just see God show up. We long for this expectation and normalcy in our own life and ministry in Cape Town.

God's blessing from Cape Town

Justine & Marco with Naomi, Noah & Leon



Paul (left) taking his very first steps after praying. A bit shaky still, but oh so proud!



Cedrick and Judith visiting some families with disabled children.



Some equipment is already available (like these standing frames) but ZIKOMO is committed to provide more.