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## SpalkeMission Movie

When we were in Germany we showed the following movie of our work in South Africa and now you can view it on our website [www.spalkemission.com](http://www.spalkemission.com)!

Some might ask why we produce info materials for Sibongile and ourselves. We do so simply because Sibongile is not the only reason why we work in South Africa, we have other projects and goals as well.

Furthermore, we want Sibongile to remain self-reliant and create info material that will stay up to date even if we have slowly made our way out of the project (which we hope will happen by the end of 2012).



Movie Scene

## Spring!

Yes, I know. At most of your locations fall has just started, but for us spring has officially sprung on the 1st of September! However, the weather is still a bit cool and drizzly so our entire family has gone through various bouts of flu, throat infection, fever, and some weird stomach bug which has left each of us lying flat for a while. At the moment, it's Marco's turn, but we are certain that we'll get him all healthy soon.

Shortly after our last newsletter we purchased a small car! We have scratched some money together faithfully and are blessed to call a little Renault Clio our second vehicle. Because of its low milage and cost effective insurance we will be able to afford this car on a long-term basis, which will help us tremendously as a family. Before it was not possible for me to move far from the house and now I can get some shopping done or take the kids to a playground even if Marco is gone. Should Naomi start nursery school in January (we hope and pray hard that we will still get an affordable place!) a second car will become indispensable.

For the past weeks we didn't only have a volunteer in Marius, but also an intern. He studies Theology in Germany and is spending his practical semester with us. This is especially unusual for Marco as Marius' main objective is to accompany him and experience what mission work

Whoever finds their life will lose it,  
and whoever loses their life  
for my sake will find it.  
Matthew 10:39



## www.sibongile.org

There is still some exciting posts coming up regularly so it's worth having a look every now and again!

is like behind the scenes. Because Marco's daily schedule is fairly (very) unpredictable there is something new to see every day, be it leading a meeting or solving a problem that has come up unexpectedly. Marius spends a lot of time with our family too. That way we can have deeper discussions and answer questions over a meal or when we go somewhere together on the weekend. Naomi likes him so much that she even wanted to get dressed like him one day (top left)!

### Sibongile Goes Global!

While I am sitting at the desk Marco and an escort of Sibongile mamas are taking Nomasango to the airport. In two hours she will be sitting in a plane to Australia! For two weeks she will spend time with "Friends of Sibongile", a partner project that various Sibongile lovers have started to generate funds regularly in Australia for Sibongile South Africa. Even the flight and travel costs have been covered by these caring individuals and we hope that

Nomasango's personal testimony and her presence will help to raise the awareness about disabled children in South Africa as well as create greater networks and relationships between the two continents. You're welcome to pray for Nomasango - this is her first time out of the country, her first long distance flight and the first time experiencing time change! All by herself!

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### While...

...Nomasango is rocking down under, Heinz Allgaier will arrive at Sibongile next week with his bicycle! Heinz has already covered 10 000 km on his bike and another 40 000 km still lie ahead of him in order to have cycled the world. Every kilometer he rides brings in 1 Euro for Sibongile - and so we want to

make his visit to Cape Town and the very project he supports a royal one! He will also cycle up Table Mountain and Marco is trying to arrange as many media representatives as possible so that this incredible story can be covered on national TV and in various newspapers. Heinz has cycled through all of Africa already, but had to fly into

Johannesburg due to technical problems with his bike and the fact that there aren't many proper cyclist shops in African cities. You can check out his amazing adventure and daily diary entries on [www.worldbiketrip.de](http://www.worldbiketrip.de) (it has google translate, which does an ok job on the English).

Gottes Segen, die 4 Spalkes

