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about clean water for everybody, visitors, more visitors, the addition to the house with Sandra's one-room-clinic and a brand new hospital in Itepela

Wow, that is a long time ago that we have written this way. So much has happened since last time that we could write a book about it. But first we want to say sorry for not writing you sooner. There has been communication through our website, personal emails and the prayer letter but unfortunately no newsletter recently. Don't be sad; here is a brand new one filled to the brim with news. As of now we will start our normal bi-monthly rhythm of writing newsletters again. Let's see if we can pick it up where we left it last time.



(building the future)

Where were we? There were building plans for a **hospital**, a bore-hole for **water** and an **addition to our house** with aid of a Dutch crew of builders. Impossible to share all that in one newsletter so we'll give you some of the highlights.



It has cost us **quite some pennies** (thank you generous donors) **and lots of work**

(thanks dad Walstra for all the installation work), but then you really got something...



At the edge of our terrain we have had a borehole drilled all the way to 90 meters! We 'only' had to install everything. We needed about 200 meter of cable and tubes to connect it to our house. After a lot of starting problems like control boxes and capacitors that burned, we now have a stable situation with unlimited clean water; we are so thankful! You are blessed to be a blessing. So, at the front of our house just outside the gate we installed a tap for the whole neighborhood. During the ceremony of the opening of the tap we explained our neighbors about the Living Water that God wants to give to us. For only one euro a day we can provide water for our house and for the whole community: **potable water straight from the tap!**

For the addition to our house we had a team of Dutchies lined up to help us with this project. **Visitors, visitors, a house full of**

visitors.... (lyrics from a famous Dutch song). Mom and Dad Walstra and uncle Age and Nico made up the first team of builders. And building they did: breakfast was at 6.00 and at 7.00 we cranked up the cement mill which wouldn't stop until supper time. The foundation had been dug before but everything else still needed to be done. Pouring concrete pillars, the handling of hundreds heavy concrete blocks over the fence (see the biceps of uncle Age) and put neatly into their place in the wall (see the biceps of Nico). And all of that in nice **sub-tropical temperatures**. Dad did all the plumbing and Mom the catering. When they left the walls were up and all the water pipes were in place.



At the airport we literally exchanged them for the next team of visitors existing of: Paul and Els Laman and Stephan van Schie (Almere).



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Whilst Els was giving **sewing classes** to a group of ladies, Paul and Stephan had a go at the walls in order for the electric installation to be put in. We have lived for weeks in **thick layers of dust** and in order to make it a bit more African we had spiders and snakes paying us a visit. After a few weeks the building of Judah's **school room**, the **basement** and the **guest room** were done. Paul and Els went home again and we remained with Stephan for two weeks; a great worker as well as a big friend for Judah to play soccer with.



Then we traded Stephan at the airport for Gert and Joke Pelster (Frank's newly wed parents). Wonderful to celebrate Christmas and New Years with family! Together we put up the **Christmas lights** and **baked oliebollen** (traditional Dutch food for New Years Eve) while we continued working on the house.

One of the projects was a one-room-clinic at the front of the house where Sandra could do hear work as a nurse /midwife. It is not finished completely yet but we are already **using the place full on**. When I (Frank) came

home from shopping in town today, we had a veranda full of mothers with their (often malnourished) children; waiting for Sandra to listen to their story, pray for them and give them medication.



Sandra is training a Mozambican colleague in the medical field. This colleague will now start a bible study group with some of the patients for there is a great **hunger for the Word of God**.

An other big project we were doing at our colleagues base in **Itepela**.

Together with a building consortium (MST) and the SODA Foundation we were able to build a **brand new hospital** of about 9x36 meter. The complete funding came through these two great organizations as well as a team of professional Dutch builders. Together with Youth with a Mission we worked hard for months on this project. We did the logistics, coordination, translation and the finishing off of this project. Next to being a lab technician, bush-doctor and electrician, Geraldo is now also an (unofficial) certified contractor; he did a great job. We are ready, we are just

waiting for the provincial governor to open the new hospital officially.....



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Greetings from a very thankful Frank, Sandra en Judah Obdam!



Colophon

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"Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land."

Proverbs 25:25