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December 2018:

**looking back on furlough, leveling the grounds, a new project: quality education for kids, and action in Mitava!**

**It is so lovely to sit in the house and go about barefoot and in shorts. In other words: we are back home in Lichinga and that feels good!** Last summer we were on furlough in the Netherlands. We had a nice long summer and a perfect little home (with marvelous neighbors) where we could stay for three months in Sandra's hometown Andijk. We have been quite busy with speaking engagements, presentations, dentist visits, family visits and meetings with lots of friends. We have so enjoyed all the good stuff that Holland has to offer. What a nice, little, well organized country we have! Someone gave us money to spend as a family so we went to see a 3D-movie for the first time in our lives and had a great time together. Highlight for Judah was a day in a lunapark.



Since we were so close to all the family we really enjoyed all the casual visits and spontaneous cups of coffee in the big garden that came with the house. We are looking back at a highly successful furlough and would like to thank everyone who has been a part of it!



**Education is the foundation of development for every country. So let's make it as accessible as possible for everybody.**

Unfortunately, good quality education is not accessible for everybody in Mozambique. The governmental public schools have extremely low quality standards. Most of the 12 year olds that graduate from the local primary schools can write their name and copy well from the blackboard but then cannot read what they have just copied and also have very low math skills. Therefore most of the children of our colleagues don't go to a public school but to a private one such as our very own YWAM (Youth with a Mission) school that has been founded by our organisation. The costs are a challenge; public schools are almost free but private schools ask a monthly tuition. That's why we want to sponsor all 35 children of our Mozambican colleagues through our project 'kids education'. Through this project we want them all to be able to attend a quality school in 2019 and enjoy their education. **Want to help?** Please let us know by email: [sandraobdam@yahoo.com](mailto:sandraobdam@yahoo.com)

The terrain in **Mitava** village has been developing throughout the years. It has a few simple buildings such as the building that hosts the little pre-school. A few years ago it got connected to the electricity network. When that happened we connected a water pump to the old recycled YWAM water tower: a great tool for the big vegetable garden that they have over there. **They produce food for the local staff, for the lunch of the pre-school children and to help support the elderly people of Mitava village.** Four months ago the water pump burned. Through the funds that were already given we were able to buy a new pump. Great joy at the local team for they have running water coming out of their taps once more! Now the garden can be easily irrigated again instead of drawing all the water by hand and carrying it into the garden. Such a blessing!







One of our former DTS students (Discipleship Training School), Isac, called me: **if I would like to come and teach in one of the little churches that he helps to oversee.** I love to maintain these relationships and at the same time this is a great opportunity to do some really strategic ministry. Our aim is to make disciples that will be able to disciple others, as is written in 2 Timothy 2:2. So now that I had a disciple that is discipling others, the smartest thing to do is to support him in his ministry.



I pick up Isac and he leads us to the aforementioned church. Despite my many questions on forehand, I am still being surprised with the fact that the trip is twice the distance that I expected. Luckily a new filling station opened just 5 days ago and I am able to avoid serious problems such as running out of diesel. It is turning out to be a real African trip with all kinds of people and their stuff that need a ride both on the way in and on the way out. When we arrive two hours later with all our gear (we brought huge cooking pots, Judah's IKEA blackboard and fish), the little mud-brick, grass-roof building fills up with about 35 men, women and children.

My subject for the day is: 'Biblical World-view'; what you believe and how you view the world will determine what you think and what you do! It is so important to make sure we are living the Truth and it is great to discover what exactly it means to be living in the truth. After a three hour non-stop teaching session I am drained and it is time to eat. I bought frozen fish the day before and they provide the nsima (maize porridge) to go along with it. Two weeks later we return with the same team for part two of the teaching. I really enjoy these outings: bringing teaching to the place where it is needed the most accompanied by colleagues and former students. It is also encouraging to see that the people we have invested in, are now investing themselves in the lives of the local Christians. And that, my dear reader, is exactly why we are here. Yes, you do need to drive 300 km but it is definitely worth it!



Judah is standing on top of a recently brought mountain of earth on the piece of land where Daniel and Leoni Wierstra will be building their house next year. We had huge holes in our terrain that will be filled because next week the bulldozer will come to level

the terrain. Januari this family comes to strengthen our team. We are eagerly awaiting their arrival on Mozambican soil.



On further notice: a baby has been born in our house: Barack Santos!; the Mitava team is fixing the leaky roofs of the houses of the elderly (rainy season has started!); we rebuilt the guards hut in our back yard and we have been sowing in our veggie patch. In other words: things are moving along here. We want to wish you all the best for a dynamic 2019.

**Love, Frank, Sandra en Judah Obdam!**



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**Thankful for all the beautiful moments of 2018,  
looking forward to the new challenges of 2019.**