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about making disciples, building at the center, pai and mae visiting us, a woodburner and a coronation!

Greetings from Lichinga, Mozambique, where the Discipleship Training School (DTS) is running at full steam!

There are 29 students at our training center (10 couples, 9 singles), 13 staff and 39 children; pleasantly busy and that is exactly how it is meant to be at our center.



It is at once the most beautiful and most challenging thing of what we do here; for you cannot make disciples part-time or from a distance. There is only one way and that means going for it one hundred percent. Sandra does all the administration, does all the groceries and organizes the kitchen. Now if you realize that we have about 80 mouths to feed every day you can imagine that that is quite a job. I (Frank) am co-leading the DTS and that means spending lot's of time with the students. In the morning a fixed program of worship and intercession followed by two teaching sessions of an hour and a half each. After lunch I help coordinating the work duties and after that there are many other things to prepare, to

discuss in meetings or to talk over in "one-on-one time" with our students. Just to mix things up a bit we sometimes play a game of soccer, do a movie night or an afternoon with games for the families.

Often we are wiped out physically but it is going great.

Many students come straight out of Islam and now that they understand who Jesus is, they have decided to follow Him. We see students changing their behavior daily; men start helping there wives, people learn to resolve conflicts and they ask for forgiveness. Last week was awesome: many confessed their sin in class. Often this deals with idolatry/ancestry worship but there were just as many people confessing adultery. It was a special and a delicate moment to hear men confess and ask forgiveness and then have their wives in their turn express their pain and forgiveness towards them.



in the classroom

The children have their own program.

They learn the letters and numbers in a creative way (not one of them can read or write even though the eldests are already 12!) and hear bible stories. A mini-DTS!



We now have electricity at the center!

The connection of our house has been extended and since a week everything is functioning. It is soooooo easy to just push a button and have light.



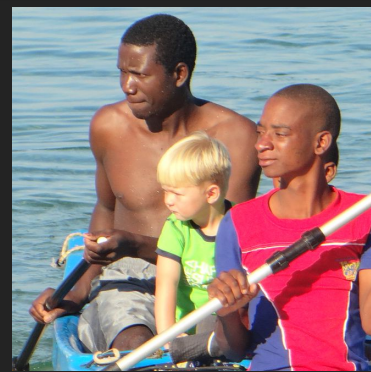
familie block under construction, classroom in the background

Many building things are also happing at our center at the moment: we are building a family-block with 4 apartments and a toilet block. It's especially at the finishing that I (Sandra) get excited: choosing paint color, buying tiles etc. Every now and then you can find me in my work clothes at the center to paint.



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Do you like to work with your practical skills and do you like the challenge of a different culture (with a nice temperature!), please mail us: we really could use some people and there is heaps to do!



In May we enjoyed mom and dad Walstra (Sandra's parents) visiting us for a month. So good to have our parents with us for a while and share our lives with them.



We picked them up in Malawi and took the opportunity to do some shopping; Malawi is the closest place with real shops and it is awesome to race around with your trolley in a big supermarket.



After that we went home where dad installed our old Dutch wood-burner (we sent it up in the container). On the third day after arrival everything was fitted and we enjoyed a nice warm fire. Dad may be retired but doing nothing is still not a hobby, ha ha! We continued to do more jobs at the center; there is always lots to do.



It was wonderful to see Judah enjoying his grandparents and the other way around. We also learned a few new things: I never knew grandma was a soccer talent: only an enthusiastic grandson can draw that out. For more stories and pictures we would like to refer you to Andijk, Holland. Every airplane that Judah sees now is greeted enthusiastically with: "grandpa and grandma's airplane!".



In the meanwhile it is already a couple of months ago that Holland has begotten a new king. We really miss these Dutch events. We decided to have our own 'coronation party'. So everybody dressed up in orange (our national color) and together we watched a replay of the coronation via internet and had a great night. We missed our Dutch treats such as cheese and herring but it was a great happening, with a nicely burning heater!

love from Frank, Sandra and Judah Obdam



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