

Frank  
Sandra  
Judah  
Obdam



May 2018:

about leadership, Malawi, Rosa and school in 3 languages!

### Allaaaaaaaah Akbar....

followed by a lamenting Arabic sing song of words. It sounds like a never ending mantra. It doesn't make me (Sandra) particularly happy, but it is quite audible in our house 5x a day. Sometimes it even wakes me up. I used to try and ignore it but for whatever reason that doesn't work anymore and now these words in an unknown language make me feel uneasy inside. The Mozambicans don't know the Arabic language either. Still this is the language they have to use to pray to their god. Doesn't Allah speak their language???



**Our God DOES speak their language!** Now, when the call to prayer for the muslims sounds, I spontaneously start to sing a song of praise to my God and I pray for my neighbors: that they also may know the God of hope, the God that speaks

their very own language.

### We are now in Blantyre, Malawi, for the Leadership Development Course (LDC).



This is the same course we did ourselves in Scotland in 2016 and which was such a time of refreshing for us. Now I (Frank) am staffing and translating for the Portuguese speaking students. The program is quite full, but if you see **a new generation of young Africans rise up in leadership** it is worth all the sacrifice. In the LDC we learn about different types of personality and how you can make them work together in the best possible way. We discover who we are as leaders and how we function best ourselves. We think about what phase of our live we are in right now and we help each other

through mentor relationships and prayer groups. Together with 26 students and 9 staff (that are also still learning every day) it is such a great time! We find out we are not the only ones going through things, we can encourage one another and celebrate victories together. There is such a deep desire to see Africa transformed!



**Meanwhile Sandra and Rosa are taking care of the educational program** for Ben (8) and Beth (6) who speak English; Danilton (8), Jônatas (6) and Denice (3) who speak Portuguese and of course for Judah (7) who speaks both languages but is home schooled for the main part in Dutch. With this they are not only educating the next generation but they also free up their parents to give full attention to the LDC.



[www.franksandra.nl](http://www.franksandra.nl)

Rafaël  
Gemeenschap Almere







## building people, bringing LIFE



For 3 months we are enjoying the company of **Rosa de Boer** (17) in our house. She comes from our home church Rafael Almere and was 7 years of age when we went to Mozambique. Already then she said: '**later when I'm big I will go and visit them!**'. Right now she is here with us... talking about determination! Rosa will return to Holland in May to follow teacher training at university. Here she did some job-shadowing at our YWAM Primary School in town; we took her to Itepela: to our pre-school and 1st and 2nd graders in the bush; she helps homeschooling Judah (or just takes over when we are both off to our team meeting) and now in Blantyre she is doing the little international class together with Sandra.



Accompanying Rosa in her travels was her father **Mark de Boer** who came along to join the fun. Next to being Rosa's father, Mark is also board member of our foundation (and together with Rosa he took many of

the beautiful pictures for this newsletter and in daily life he does even more... smile!). This was a great opportunity for us to show him many things. He also has been teaching our team. Wonderful to play some board games at night and then continue a good conversation about how to strategically structure our work better and develop it best for the long term.



**Dinis and Balbina Castelo have been base leaders in YWAM Lichinga for 10 years already.** Their good leadership has not gone unnoticed and now they will take on the role of national president of YWAM's legal board (within YWAM leadership is shared anyway!). With this change they will lay down their role within the local leadership and we have to see which new leaders will stand up to take their place. It is a process of transferring tasks and responsibilities in which we ourselves also play a role. We really need Gods guidance to fulfill all the roles within leadership in a new way. It is also a bit of goodbye to an era and looking forward to what God is asking of us for the future.

A beautiful fruit of our last DTS (Discipleship Training School), is that after a long break **YWAM Quelimane will start doing**

**DTS again** (Quelimane is in the central part of Mozambique at the coast). In Lichinga there will be no DTS this year so we are extra glad (and a little bit proud) that training still continues in this country. On the 11th of June I (Frank) will be the teacher for the opening week, teaching one of my favorite subjects: **the Father heart of God**. We hope that this DTS will generate new staff members for the Quelimane base for they are also going through a time of changes in leadership and need new blood to keep on growing. After all is said and done our thoughts go to Holland. Last week of July we get on a plane to spend time with family, friends, churches and sponsors. We will be on **furlough for 3 months**: up to a great summer in Holland!

**With love Frank & Sandra**



### Colophon

**Frank, Sandra & Judah Obdam**

Jovens com uma Missão  
CP 114 Lichinga 90100  
Niassa, Mozambique  
info@franksandra.nl

**Frank:** 00258-865232532

**donations at:**

"building people, bringing LIFE"  
accountnumber: 4108074  
BIC: INGBNL2A  
IBAN: NL05INGB0004108074

**If you think you're too small to make a difference,  
you have never spend a night with a mosquito.**