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about home assignment, DTS 2015 with 'worldview',
construction and Judah goes to 'mama-school'!

What a great home assignment

we have had in the Netherlands. We have met many of our friends and family. It was so good to walk around in our very own Dutch culture again. Shopping at the familiar stores and supermarkets, enjoying and being amazed at all the stuff you can buy in the shops and just talking in our native language. Our agenda was nicely filled and we are very happy with all the church contacts that we have in Andijk area, Castricum, Vlaarding en and Almere that we could strengthen or initiate.

For **Judah** it has been a **special time**; at four years of age the memories will stay fixed in his mind; now he has seen all the family, never to be forgotten. For the first time in his life he had a sleep over and was able to enjoy winter scenery. For the first time making a snow man and having a snow fight. But the absolute best was a day of sledding in Austria; up the hill and down the hill the whole day long!



We would like to thank everybody for all the help and **good times** during our stay in Holland. We have had a place to stay, drove a car, have shared meals with so many, had baby sitters for Judah and we received lots and lots of stuff to be put in the containers that will come towards Mozambique (they are currently on a ship drifting the ocean somewhere).

Many Thanks!!



In Mozambique time didn't stand still either. While we were having coffee with Dutch cookies, over in Lichinga preparations were being made for the **Discipleship Training School (DTS) 2015**; the heart of Youth with a Mission (YWAM). Our team leaders Dins and Balbina are leading this year's DTS that has started last month. They have a beautiful team of 9 staff members and there are 17 students: 8 couples and one single lady. We are also involved this year but more from the sidelines; helping with finances, food, logistics and medical care (we have three pregnant students). And of course teaching.....



I (Frank) have taught the first DTS week about **'world view'**: through what kind of glasses do you see the world? Do you believe in a Creator or in accident? Are man and woman created equal or is the man to dominate? Is an owl: A) just an animal, B) a God created animal or, C) a witch doctor coming to bring evil over your family? (most Africans believe option C). Does tooth ache come from demons or bad dental hygiene? Your answer will determine your course of action as to where to find help. Everything we do has its foundations in what we believe. That is why the Bible says that 'the truth will set you free'. If you believe truth you automatically weed out a whole load of rubbish from your life. It was a great week with students that were very eager to learn. So also this year we will spend quite some time supporting this wonderful program.

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building people, bringing LIFE

This is going to be a year of construction. Together with the Dutch NGO SODA and a construction alliance we will build a new health post at our colleagues place of ministry: Itepela. The building material for phase one is on its way in the container (that also contains the things that you have donated!!). In August a group of Dutch construction workers will come to very quickly erect this building. We will be in Itepela that month to help out with translation and other practical and cultural matters. They will put in a bore hole for the new health post and one for the villagers.

In consultation with our board we have decided to also take care of our water problems by getting a water hole drilled. That way we can avoid asking interesting questions at the end of the dry seasons such as: 'will you take a shower or will I, or do you want the washing machine to run its program?' We expect to be drilling really soon. We can finance this because many have given generously during our home assignment by means of donations and collections - wonderful!



Also our own house is on the list of construction projects. Now Sandra and Judah have started home schooling we would like to build a **class room** for them; a place where all the books can be on the shelves, where they can work and where every project can be hanged on the wall to be admired. We also want to add a **guest room since** we have visitors 4 to 6 months of the year. Really nice if they have a nice place and Judah doesn't need to move to our bedroom all the time.



At the front of our house we planned a one room **clinic** where Sandra can check all the pregnant ladies and newborn babies and other people that come to our door regularly. Now she is doing these check ups in Judah's bedroom and that is far from ideal. We have started already with the digging of the foundations. Via our website we will keep you up to date of all our construction activities.

Our little man also has quite a program in which he is investing his time nowadays. Daily he will join his mother at the table to learn about **letters and numbers**,

but not before he first nestles on the sleeper couch where his mama reads many many books to him. Next to this he goes to preschool (with only 7 pupils) 4 mornings, Monday to Thursday, where he spend his time with fun art works and lots of lots of play with his Lichinga friends.



The results are there: our little monkey is starting to read and write his first words - and we are extremely proud of course.

Love from Frank, Sandra and Judah Obdam!

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