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with: car adventures, teaching in a fishers village and waterskiing as Judah's new hobby!

**For the first 10 years of our lives here, the nearest supermarket was 400 km away** in the neighboring country, Malawi! Also, the nearest YWAM base (Youth with a Mission, our missionary organization) is there, in Blantyre. Over the years, the friendship and cooperation with this group of people has grown, and it's wonderful to hang out with them for a while. Every time we want to go there we have to do a 'tasty' PCR test of course and then on to the border!



Another thing we do in Blantyre is visit different pharmacies to buy medicines for the clinic at the best price. We got a good tip and found a wholesaler where we could buy most of it even cheaper.

We also finally managed to get a good stereo in the car; we had bought one for a few euros in South Africa a long time ago, but in Lichinga nobody could install it. Since our trips often last 8 to 10 hours, it's great that we can now listen to music and audio books while on the road.



question from Malawi: if I (Frank) could come and teach at the DTS because the teacher who was supposed to teach **biblical world view**, had dropped out. And yet another month later, the question if I could teach at the 'Missionary Care Course'. So two more 'yummy' PCR tests and on to the border! We had a few wonderful and intensive days in the classroom and with the family at the YWAM center.

The event that many missionary kids look forward to is **the famous water ski camp at Lake Malawi**. You can join if you are 10 years. Can you imagine Judah's frustration that when he turned 10 there was corona everywhere and the event didn't happen! Last year in November, there were only 15 new cases a day in the whole country, so unexpectedly it went ahead and Judah was able to go to Meponda with all his friends to water ski, camp and have a lot of fun. He came back completely drained, but had had the time of his life!

**There is a fishing village called Tapata on the coast of Mozambique**, where a

Mozambican team has started a YWAM work. They have set up a church, they are discipling new believers, they are feeding the hungry and they are a light in a Muslim environment. Along with our national leader Dinis, I was asked to stop by on a work visit. Just back from Blantyre and Judah to ski camp I went, by exception, alone. Dinis and his family started his trip a day earlier from Pemba, but had car trouble and while being towed away, had an accident on top of that. No one was hurt, but they were shocked and stranded with a broken car. I met them on the road and was able to take them to their final destination. We had two days of intensive discussions, but also of admiring the beautiful work. We concluded all this with a baptism service in the Indian Ocean. Dinis's children had to return to Pemba in time due to exams, so I delivered his family home and Dinis was able to organize his car. A good drive and 11 hours later...



# "Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me." - Reckless love of God -



... I turn unto the dirt road they live on. Still 50 meters to go and we hear a big CRACK. Gently we finish the last few meters, but alas: a broken shock absorber. So the next day I go hunting for fitting and original parts. A day later I drive another 729 km and I am finally home. It just goes to show that travel, cars and paperwork are things that require a lot of time and attention as a missionary. I am still waiting for a local car roadside assistance company but no one is venturing that yet...



Marlice, a young African lady with a Dutch passport and recently graduated as a nurse, came to reinforce our team for 3 months. She could immediately start working as an assistant in the clinic, while she lived with colleague Eugénia at the center. Visits from NL always bring a cheerful dynamic. **Marlice left a big impression and much blessing behind.**

We end this newsletter with some project news; so much is happening! – **'Clínica Rafael'** will reopen in February after a summer break. We also continue in Mitava, we have a break in Mecula (because that's where the terrorists came and we evacuated a whole team - see our website). We are helping the porridge project with the refugees in Pemba and we are going to start a new work in the district of Sanga.

– **Project 'schooling children'** has grown to 69 children whom we help with uniforms, books and for those who go to a (much better!) private school, we also help with part of the monthly fee. The schools start in February and for this project we can still use your help.



– **There are 5 elderly people in Mitava who made the brave choice to be baptized.**

To close the year, a Christmas party was organized with singing, dancing

and.... chicken (always a favorite!)



– **The container** with building materials for two clinics has arrived in Mozambique. We are waiting for a government exemption to allow us to import it at no cost. If that goes through (we have been working on that for over a year now; talk about bureaucracy...), we will have sufficient funds to pay for the rest of the transport and also we will have a good start in finances to continue with the construction. **THANKS!**

Love: Frank, Sandra and Judah Obdam!



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