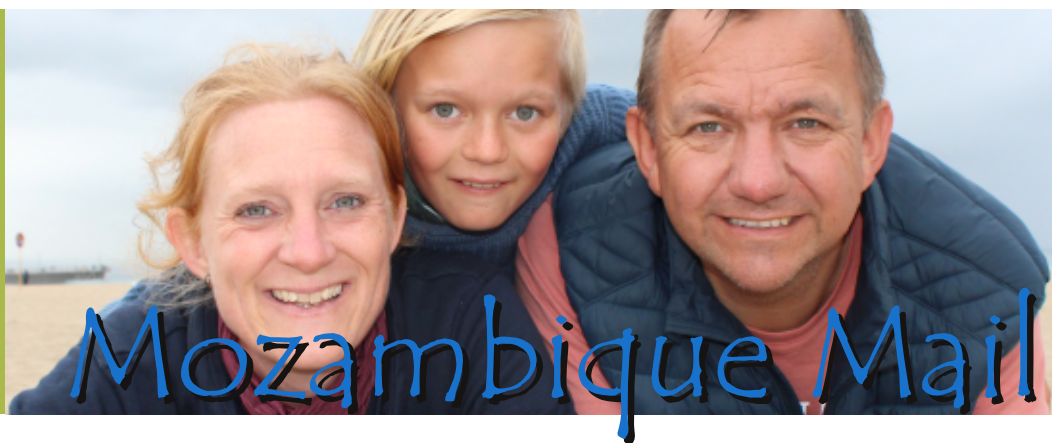


Frank Sandra Judah Obdam



September 2022:
incredibly late...

One day in February, Sandra goes to the clinic to train her colleagues. It is raining and she quickly jumps out of our tall car to close the gate behind her. **She slips** and bangs her hip on the ground and struggles to get back up. A level-headed West Frisian, she finishes her work first: delivering bags, teaching her colleagues. When she arrives home, however, she is suddenly completely exhausted and Judah and I have to get her out of the car. After a visit to an ancient X-ray machine in the hospital, we see a fracture in the femoral neck: colloquially **"just" a broken hip!** **Now what?**



After consulting with doctors from different countries, we decide to do nothing. Literally. Sit still and do nothing for 8 weeks and let the bone heal. After that Sandra can just about, with the help of crutches, get on the plane. We go to South Africa with better pictures, better doctors and physiotherapy and so Sandra learned to walk again ;-). To test everything out, this month we were taken by friends to Snow-world to ski! In the middle of summer! **So it's 'just' going really well!**

Broken hip, soccer and elderly care in Mozambique; leadership course in South Africa and furlough in NL!



We went **to South Africa to be staff on a 6-week Leadership Training Course.**

We did this course ourselves in Scotland (2016) and now we are part of the core team offering this course in the African continent. The students are missionaries who themselves have been on the mission field for 5+ years in a leadership position. With our assistance they look back at the beautiful, as well as the difficult moments of leadership; **examine what kind of leader they themselves are and want to be;** and make a plan with new inspiration for the future. It is wonderful for us to teach on a more advanced level for a while.



This time Sandra was also able to give more input because: **Judah went to a "regular" school for the first time in his life!**

It were long days for him, but it was also fun with new friends and Judah even got to play in a musical. We also celebrated a beautiful milestone: **25 years of marriage!**

And that brings us to the present: at the end of May we settled in Andijk for our furlough. Besides homeschooling, we have a fixed list of dental, passport, banking and all kinds of practical matters that concern us. I have also already spoken at a number of churches and we are going on fun days out. Just relaxing for a while!



Judah is beginning to shape his own story with God. Frequently with doubt and misunderstanding, but also often with deep thoughts and a heart for others. **With his Mozambican friend Benny, Judah started a soccer club.** Afternoons playing soccer with boys from the neighborhood and, when it gets dusk, hearing a Bible story together around the phone. We got some shirts and want to collect strong soccer balls to take to Mozambique. Soccer is a super way to bring young people together and make them known to God!

"The Lord bless you and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."

Song~Elevation Worship



Our colleagues are practical people: if they see something they like, they apply it. For example, for years already we have had a work among the elderly in the village of Mitava and we often take colleagues and students with us when we visit them. And now... there are **2 new locations that started a ministry among elderly people!**



In our own neighborhood, Ancha saw a group of widows who were quite neglected and isolated. With her youthful enthusiasm, she brought them together and shows them that God does not forget them. Food aid, repairing a leaking roof or digging a latrine and, of course, visiting each other to open God's Word.

The special testimonies are pouring in. One harrowing story was of **a neglected grandmother** who lived all alone in a dilapidated, smelly shack with no latrine (outside toilet). Also suspected of witchcraft (because:



how else could she have reached this old age?!), she was looked down upon with disdain. Now she has her own latrine, a group of friends who visit her, and she is **out of her isolation**. And all because someone bothered to look after her and because Someone Else blessed that. Another colleague, Isabel, brings the elderly together in Itepela. We support (with your donations) with building materials and food and encourage the brand new leaders in their new ministry.



We are almost daily in contact with Mozambique and hear of many miracles! An infertile lady who becomes pregnant after 26 years and gives birth to a healthy daughter, a little boy who no longer has epileptic fits due to medication, children who were so weakened that they could no longer walk, but recovered with the help of porridge and on prayer. We ourselves are regularly amazed by all the wonderful stories. Of course, **not all of this goes "just like that" and without struggle**.

A colleague from our elementary school had ended up in jail on false charges. Fortunately, he got out, but that has left him with a considerable debt of money and his name has not yet been cleared. Our Brazilian

colleagues still do not have a work visa after more than a year and are now living half illegally in the capital (2,500 km from us) where they have a very tough time. Also, the container with building materials for as many as two clinics is still in the port of Mozambique because the government is not taking the responsibility it promised: namely, to import the container tax-free. **We are keeping our eyes on Jesus and will return to Mozambique in October to join our team.**

As far as we are concerned, we will continue to live in Mozambique for quite a few more years and would love to continue with you to see the Kingdom of God break through. Will you join us?

Love: Frank, Sandra and Judah Obdam!



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