

Dear family and friends!

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This time I am already on my way and have been able to meet some of you already. Being able to see and hug you is just great!

My sister works in a kindergarten in Heidelberg and I was able to show pictures and talk about my ministry there. The four year old kids were excited!



I will also be going to Italy, Hesse, Lower Franconia, North (Hamburg, Globe Europe Center), to Holland and Switzerland...

I had some very interesting conversations with specialists of the Institute for tropical diseases in Würzburg and received new information concerning HIV/AIDS therapies as well as a confirmation of my own health. Thanks to God. Those are my travel plans. I will fly back on July 23rd.

July 11th I will speak in my home church in Mühlthal. There will be time for questions and talking. I am looking forward to seeing you!

The newest development in our [Baby Clinic "Macomberero"](#) - which means blessing - is that a new Intermediate Care centre will be built. It will be an accommodation for sick babies and their mothers that cannot stay at home by themselves or that are refused by the hospital or sent home to die. Those patients will spend some time at the centre to gain strength and care for their babies under supervision. It means rest NOT to have to carry water over kilometres, care for other children in the household or to supply the daily food.

That was still a prayer request when I left to Zimbabwe May 29th !

We keep caring for 650 babies every month with new ones coming all the time - sadly we are also losing some of them.

March and April were especially difficult months - also due to the weather - when we saw mothers and other relatives weep and mourn: Up to 10 babies a month died during that time. Most of the time the causes of death were malaria and diarrhoea.



Special children:

P:

A lively little four year old boy, that now runs around in the clinic laughing and rejoicing – after he had not talked or reacted for at least one year. He was undernourished and his (19 year old) mother left him with his grandmother.

S:

A far too small one year old boy that came undernourished as well. He was in the hospital and very sick with multiple abscesses. He was close to death and because his mother was scared they left the hospital and ran away. He laughs, gains weight and it is a great joy to watch him.

M:

She could not walk until she was three years old, was very sick with tuberculosis. The reason was a tumour at her spinal column which during TB therapy nearly disappeared.

J:

Was bitten by a poisoned snake six months ago. He is 14 years old and his right hand had been operated several times in Chimoio and Beria, but he did not recover, the wound was always purulent and the bone infected. Now – thanks to donations and a good mission hospital another operation and following therapy were possible! His middle finger and metacarpal were amputated, but he was able to keep his hand. He is now without pain and very satisfied, does his exercises at home in order to learn to use his right hand. THAT is a great miracle!

I am often amazed at how fast the severely sick children recover. That is the best, strongest encouragement.

O:

Is raised by a HIV positive father together with two siblings. The mother died of HIV / AIDS when the baby was 4 months old.

People here often ask me:

How can you do this?

What keeps you after 8 years?

Do you want to return?

To be honest:

It IS often difficult to see and hear of such suffering.

Yet the GOOD news and experiences always prevail!

If Jesus wasn't with me, I would have given up already.

In the first place it is His ministry.

I see us growing as a team. Otherwise the work would not be possible!

Laughing and good friendship are essential under the local circumstances.

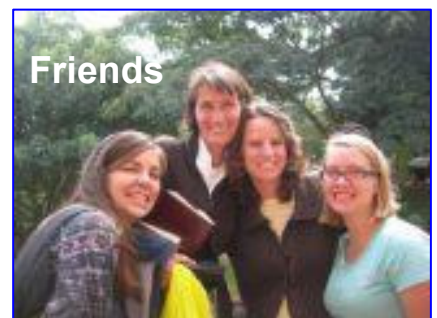
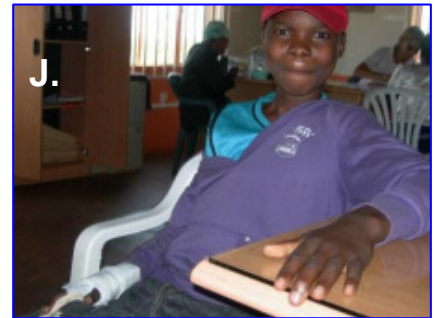
What keeps me?

The strong knowledge of being at the right place.

And God holds me. I will not fall out of His hand, even though one day I might know that it is time to move on.

Perspective:

I am praying and thinking about working more with the two horses Ely and Angel. We have more than 15 partially severely disabled children that with a little help would enjoy learning more balance and coenaesthesia.



J. from California, together with 4 - 6 year old children. She's a teacher and in charge of our preschool.

I would still be able to work in the clinic 2-3 days.

The mothers also need more support and encouragement, because they are carrying a tremendous long-time burden. Problems in the families (They are often alone without a husband to provide for them) are huge already and a handicapped child is often a burden impossible to carry. Working on the fields and the normal life in Mozambique can hardly be handled. We know of cases where out of desperation the handicapped child was abandoned to die.

Our handicapped children are loved and cherished by their mothers. Many had cerebral malaria that resulted in permanent brain damages. Others had an oxygen deficiency during birth or later viral or bacterial meningitis.

That ministry, which is new to me as well, would include the purchase of a piece of land I would have to buy under our registered NGO (non governmental organization).

Costs: around € 500 - 800 (around \$1000 US Dollar)

I would probably need a new 4 wheel drive car in the coming months, because my car has several bigger defects (gear box, clutch)

Costs: around €10.000

Additionally I would need at least three local co workers.

Our present property does not allow further expansion – new buildings for missionaries to come will be built there. (We are living on a piece of land with 12 people or more, it is meant to live on and for visitor-teams only. It is called "Morada de paz", which means residence of peace.

Across, over the road of the EN6 there's the land where a second school building and the intermediate Care Centre is located – 4 buildings at this time. One part is fenced for the horses.)

Visit Google Earth to have a look.

THANKS

For your solicitousness, great support in finances and your prayers!
It is such a privilege and you are having a big part in the ministry from your side.

Wish you all overflowing blessings from God, the creator!

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