



Newsletter

August 2009

" Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" - Prov 3:5-6

Reunification

We have had some children reunified to their families and some new ones arriving to take their place. "Blanche" and "Tanja" who arrived here in Oct 08, are now back with their maternal granny. For the Rehoboth housemother and us it is always very emotional, as we have attached ourselves to the children. It is vital for the child to bond during their stay with us as it has been proven that children will grow into stable adults if they have had good attachment and bonding experiences in their younger years. We transfer the bonding to the family member or foster parent when the time is right for them to leave Rehoboth. We are however worried for our mom Eunice who has had to release two of her children within two months time. Her heart aches now her "Anna", having arrived here as a premature baby weighing only 1.8 kg two years ago, has just been reunited with her mother who has been very ill but now stable on ARV's. You can imagine that Eunice, after "kangaroo pouching" her and raising her into a toddler, is suffering from the separation and loss. Please keep her in your prayers whilst she receives counselling and support.

New comers



Mandy with "Onno" "Naomi" "Zoë" in hospital

Our newcomers are " Onno" a 6-month-old boy who was being breastfed but was left abandoned at a day care centre. We have found the mother and father and they are in counselling hoping to be reunified to their son again, he is gorgeous! "Naomi", 6 months old girl, has arrived in august after she was found neglected in her grannies care who was continuously drunk and feeding her liquor! After placing her on TB treatment she has recovered miraculously and it seems that she is HIV negative. She is too cute! Then "Zoe" came, she is 2 yrs and was left abandoned in hospital. Our latest arrival is "Olivier", he is 7 months old but very critical. He arrived being discharged from a hospital up north and said to be stable. When we saw him in the car as he arrived, our hearts stopped a beat, there lay a shrivelled little boy, skin and bones, pale and lifeless... How can it be that they discharged him? We took him straight to our local hospital and there they gave him a blood transfusion, placed him on a nasal gastro tube and fed him via a machine. He weighed 2.4 kg at 7 months age! He is now home and has started TB treatment and ARV's. He has crept into our hearts with his beautiful eyes and expressive eyebrows. Since he has arrived back home with us, he has started making noises and has smiled!!! He now weighs 2.8kg!



Olivier

2.4 kg



2.8 kg

Volunteers

We have had Allison, a teacher from the UK staying with us for 6 weeks during her summer holidays. She has been a breath of fresh air for all of us! We now have David and Glen with us again, supporting the village whilst we are on a promotion tour. Then Wendy a teacher from UK will be with us to screen our kid's education levels and see if they are on the right school for them on an individual basis. Natasha from Germany is arriving at the same time and will be helping out everywhere for the next 6 months. Aunty Joan from the UK will arrive very soon again; she will be staying for 6 months as well. So for now we can say that our prayers have been answered for our volunteer need, as we now are full till next year. ☺ God is good!



Allison – teacher from UK

Social worker needed!

We see again how God has come through for our needs even if it is short time. In August we took on a social worker who will be working for us for a short time as she is also going to be asked to work for a government post as she received a study loan during her studies. On top of her being required for the government, she is pregnant and will be going on maternity leave in October. Further Khiwa will be trained on the job by Glen as a childcare supervisor and hopefully can help support the housemothers in caring for the children. Therefore we are still urgently looking for a registered Christian Social worker who does not have to pay back the government in work time due to having received a study loan. If you know of anybody, do contact us!

Promotion tour USA - CANADA!

We feel truly blessed that we were invited to come to USA- Texas to do a promotion tour for Rehoboth! We will be visiting Lake Pointe and other churches in Texas and hope to be able to share God's vision for Rehoboth with our brother and sisters in Christ. Many times they have visited us here and we are so excited to meet their families and friends and we truly hope to be a blessing to them as they have been to us! After two weeks in Dallas we will fly to Canada to our Christian family who have supported Rehoboth for a long time. We can't wait to meet their families and meet the congregation that has become a faithful supporter.

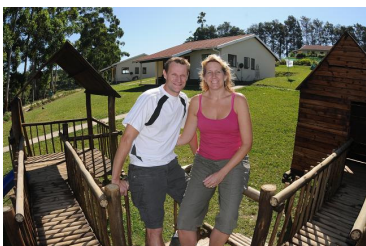
After 1½ weeks with the Canadians we then fly to New York where we will be present for the arts exhibition of which two of our children participated. It is partly supported by UNICEF. We hope to build relationships with other organisations and be able to promote Rehoboth during the exhibition. In total, our prayer is that USA and Canada will become the main supporter for the new village, to help build it and to run it. Will you pray with us that our trip will fulfil God's plan for Rehoboth next steps? EXCITING to see what God is doing, He is the author and planner of Rehoboth and what a privilege to be His labourers!

van der Galiën family

Times have been exciting, as we have watched how the Lord is opening doors for rezoning the remaining land that Rehoboth owns. At every cross road we pray that if it is NOT His will for the land to be rezoned that He will stop the process. Till now we have only had doors flung wide open! Scary but very exciting! We so often lean on our own understanding and start putting in our thoughts and ideas... God requires us to lean NOT on our own understanding but to acknowledge Him in ALL our ways and He will make our paths straight! So we get more and more excited with every door opening. Till now, the Municipality is behind the idea, Social Development who supplies us with a children's grant has already agreed to increase our numbers if we do build more houses too. Then we had the environmentalist come in to do an investigation, it turns out that we can do the short route to rezone instead of a long route investigation. Then we had a family trust committed to fund the rezoning costs as well! We have a great team that is now working together to get the farm area rezoned so that we can build another village on the Rehoboth property. The plan is that this village will run on its own, so in actual fact, a second village, but a stone throw away for training and support for the new management couple! We are still amazed at every step we take, holding His hand, and wonder what is next... It is very exciting to walk on water; we just need to focus on keeping our eyes on Him! ☺

Our family is very excited to visit friends of Rehoboth in USA and Canada and hope to return with a testimony of how great God is! Tamara, David and Glen will be in charge of the daily running of the village during our absence. Thanks again for all your support and prayers, we have felt carried by prayer during the hard times in the beginning of this year and know that it is only through His grace that we can stand.

Many blessings and thanks for your support!



Alfons and Yvonne

Midway house parents needed!

We have started moving in furniture and the house is starting to be ready for the kids to move in soon. We are still in urgent need of a house couple that have a heart for teenage boys, wanting to develop them into Godly men. The children that are at the age of moving to the house are on the waiting list of moving to the schools in town. We are investigating other options for schooling in case they do not get a placement. There is a Christian Home school in the nearby area as well and it runs the ACE school program.

Please pray with us on clarity where God wants these boys to go to and for the right Godly couple who will be a role model for the boys.

Did you know?

- We have 54 children in the village?
- 44 children on ARV treatment?
- 3 children awaiting to start ARV
- 7 HIV negative children
- 3 CT- scans done
- Two dental operations
- One hernia operation
- One child with drug resistant TB admitted in a special hospital in Durban for 6 months
- 3 reunifications to family

Prayer points

- New social worker
- Godly house parents
- Placement in town schools
- Rezoning land for new village if in His will
- Blessed trip to USA +Canada and for the team left at Rehoboth
- Johan and Marinde 's preparation for immigration to South Africa

Thank you points

- For all the blessings poured out on us!
- Support from the Jabulani child sponsors
- Support from local and International funders
- Multi court nearly finished
- Vegetable garden flourishing
- New second driver - Shannon

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