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Greetings from wet and cold Cape Town!

We have been quite busy since the last letter. On top of the regular work, Kay did several trainings and I got very involved in Mfuleni again.

On 12 mornings Kay helped another organisation with their childcare training. She used a lot of the things she has learned over the last 20 years and the ladies loved her and her unique style of training. They all were sad when Kay did the last session last week.



Kay also just returned from her annual trip to the Netherlands to teach at YWAM's Children at Risk School. These weeks of teaching and counselling are challenging. Kay facilitates training in the morning and she makes time for participants to meet her one on one for sessions in the afternoon. The school blessed her with direct flights and a beautiful outing on the Saturday. Kay has been doing these schools for 10 years already and still loves it.



Next week we finish with another group of OT students that received some training and support in their community projects. We continue to support soup kitchens in Fisantekraal on a regular basis. Please pray for our needy communities in the winter months ahead as hunger, cold, and wet are never a good combination.

Since the beginning of March we have been involved with Siya and his team in Mfuleni. After an initial appeal on Facebook we received a bigger donation and started to support their soup kitchen and also their big home. We also got some office equipment to better run their organisation. We also bought a used fridge. They have the soup kitchen at least twice a week and also have regular programmes with youth, seniors, and handicapped people. We also

passed on a big donation of toys that is put to great use.













The home is still full of young adults and children and could really do with some upgrades of furniture, appliances and renovations. Any help towards these needs is very welcome. Without our help they started to fix the third outside room that was badly damaged in a fire. It would not cost a lot to get everything at least operational again. Our role is to support Siya and his team towards getting self-sufficient. We can share our experience and provide some training and help to set up the NPO properly. The donations are almost used up and we would really appreciate any help to keep this amazing work and home going.



We live in a relatively safe area. A lot of people park their cars outside. In the 3 years here we never heard of any



incidents. One morning in April I went outside and found that our VW Polo was gone! Apparently they are very popular and there are syndicates specialising on them. Fortunatly the insurance paid for a rental car until the payout was finalised. We got more than expected, but not enough to replace the car with something that lasts a while. Any assistance toward a new car would be appreciated. My bank here will not help us this time as most of our money goes through my German account and not directly into my account here. That has not been a problem

in the past, we even got the house loan this way, but apparently there was a change in policy this year. For the next bit we have a car that we can use so long.





The 4 little ones enjoy going to school together, but it is not easy for most of them. We are seriously contemplating whether we need to do some changes with some of them and what that would be. Daniel is enjoying the Bible school and is coping a lot better now. Soon he has a month off.

Jessica has been traveling with a performer couple as an au pair for their toddler for several months to different countries in Asia with the Matilda

musical. Soon she will go on a last trip with them to Dubai, from there she will actually go to Germany to do a year of social service at a bilingual day care centre in Stuttgart to work on her German and her skills working with children.



Moriah-Jane is very busy with work, on top of that her and Jonas are making us grandparents towards the end of the year! Very exciting. Early next year they will all come close to us for a few months. Jonas can work online from here. The blessings of modern technology! We are all looking forward to that.

Kay and I will fly to Germany in 10 days while Barbara and Daniel will take care of the little ones. It was all planned for my parents' 60^{th} anniversary, but at least we still have my Mom's 80^{th} to celebrate. We were supposed to use my Dad's old car while there, but it will not be fixed

in time. Ideally we would like to rent a car for the whole time to be mobile and do visits, but we might have to take trains. Any help towards the trip and also to bless the family staying behind would be really great. We are a bit behind planning the details of the trip as so much depends on transport. At the end of our time in Germany we will be at the Globe Mission Family Camp for a time of fellowship and refreshing with other Globe missionaries. In November it will be 10 years that we are with Globe Mission. Please pray for us and our family when we are apart that it will be a good time for everyone.

Greetings and many blessings,

Holger and Kay

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