



Newsletter

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***“The Peace that Surpasses All Understanding, shall Keep your Hearts and Minds”
(Philippians 4: 7)***

Rehoboth's Children

Two children left Rehoboth Children's Village in June and August. This is the first time we see a HIV positive child leave the village into foster care, and the other one went back to family. We had many medication training days with the families before the children left. We are very sad that both families messed up within two months; they did not go to the clinic on time to pick up the medication (ARVs)! AIDS drugs must be taken punctual, two times a day. Even at "95% good administration" the patient has an increased risk of ARV resistance. That translates: to miss a dose 2 times per month. If they are already going in the wrong so soon ... this does not give hope for a good future for these children.



Simphiwe



Anele



Nhlanhla

Since the last newsletter, three new children arrived at Rehoboth. First, Simphiwe (1 year old boy) - his mother was dying. We had the mother admitted into the care of the AIDS hospice (of our local church). She has wonderfully recovered and is now back home. Unfortunately, the stigma is still very strong, and the mother is rejected by her family. They bricked off her bedroom from the rest of the house and made a door so that she can only be in her room and not enter the rest of the house. The mother is now looking for a new home where she can live with her son. We hope to assist her in finding a house so that mother and child can be together again soon. Then Anele, a 5 year old girl arrived. We suspect that she has been through a lot of abuse, as she behaves strange at times (smear poo on the walls, bed wetting, etc.) after much love and attention she slowly started to talk and she smiles once in a while. After prayer she has not smeared with poo, God is good! She has a need for healing only Jesus can give. Our newest boy, Nhlanhla, a 3 month old boy. He weighed 3.4 kg at arrival, and now 6 weeks later he weighs is 5.8 kg!

Education

The education is expanding very fast and changing in the care of Dianne Wallace. Rehoboth has just set up a computer room where the children were given their first computer lessons. They not only learn how to deal with the computer but the computer shows them how to read better and calculate sums easier.



The new computer room

Special care

Kim van Zyl helps children who need special care. A girl, Nana, who is probably autistic, a boy who is completely blind and another boy who has bad hearing. The horse and pony assist in the movement exercises and has been enormously successful with the girl. She opens up completely as she sat on the horse and hugs him with passion! We are very happy that she started talking now (at age 3)!



Yvonne with Nana on the pony "Fudge"

Murchison Hospital & Clinic

The local hospital made an exception for this time so that blood could be taken from all children at our Rehoboth clinic. We are still waiting for official papers for the hospital to officially allow doctors to come to our clinic. Prayer is needed!

Sell Water or not, that is the question?

Rehoboth has started to examine whether we can be more financially self-supporting by selling our Rehoboth water. With the planned extension of the second village there is a lot of extra finances needed to make this all possible and run both villages. There are two major South African companies who are interested in supporting this project to help Rehoboth be more self-sustainable. The first steps have been taken and currently research to determine what is the quality of the water are being done. After this we investigated how to set up a water factory in the area of Rehoboth. God has given a water supply in abundance to Rehoboth and we are figuring out whether this can be used to extend and strengthen the two villages.

The van der Galiën's

Had a great time in The Netherlands from mid June to mid July in which we were allowed to spend time with our family, friends and Church, we are covered in work again for Rehoboth and The Netherlands seems far away in distance (not only 10000 kilometers ☺)-but also in mind.

We also strengthened and equipped than motivated to all existing and new things again.

Yvonne has given a business training at a children's home here in the neighborhood where it is not going well. She was so glad to see a big change after 2 weeks in their design of the care when she came back again for a HIV/AIDS training to their staff who never have had this training.

Alfons is busy with the opportunities to study the "waterbottling" project that might run Rehoboth more self-sustainable. A lot of research and a lot of hours are spend doing this. We have also applied for a residence visa in South Africa. This is a process that can take 7 months, but can also be shorter. Pray for quick clarity if we or be allowed to stay in South Africa or that we have to leave next March. All exciting, but fortunately not in our hands but in those of the Lord and that gives a nice peaceful feeling.

Greetings and richest blessings.



Alfons, Yvonne, Nathan en Yaël

Volunteers update

There are currently many volunteers at Rehoboth and for the next months we have a nice number of requests in the pipeline thanks to a broadcast of the EO where Tamara had her sister Deborah on an "unexpected visit" (check it out via:

<http://player.omroep.nl/?afid=12907217>).

Mirjam, nurse, from the Netherlands is here now to run clinic and hand it over to Heather again when she comes back from Canada late november. Alison was back again from England during her vacation for 5 weeks. Also, Johan and Marinde are at Rehoboth again, but now reinforced with the small healthy new addition Feliene! There are also two other volunteers; Merel from The Netherlands and Denise from Switzerland. Last but not least, David and Glen are back from the UK to further strengthen the team. All these extra hands, feet and brains help with the enormous task to give the children good quality care in all respects!

Did you know that:

- Rehoboth is a name for a well in the Bible: Genesis 26
- 5 Rehoboth children will start home Schooling in January?
- We also will be home schooling Nathan and Yael next year?

Prayer Points

- Children to be reunited with family members and that the medication is given correctly
- Our visa application
- Wisdom for home education of our children
- Official agreement between hospital and Rehoboth

Thanks Points

- Many volunteers at Rehoboth
- God gives new creative ideas to further expand the work
- God is the one who holds Rehoboth and gives vision
- God deserves all honour and glory for what he is doing in the lives of these children, who were previously hopeless but now flourishing!

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