



**"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:43-45**

### Dear friends!

We are coming soon! This will be our last newsletter before we will (hopefully) see all of you and give you a personal report!

### Do you have a bomb?

It is the normal daily life here: Before entering a shopping center you meet security staff dressed in military uniforms. They check you with a beeper and search the bags. If you enter by car they will search that as well. Meanwhile we even have to leave the car while they search it. You sometimes feel like entering an airport ☺. Why? Since quite some time Kenya is receiving many terror treats. Example: About 3 weeks ago a car bomb was discovered and disarmed in Mombasa (coastal region in Kenya) that would have destroyed a five story building! Conclusion: The general safety level is not too well... Many people will go shopping quickly and they don't like to spend time at public places. You never know if Westgate might be repeated...

### Violence and reactions

On Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am several armed men carrying AK47s attacked a church in Mombasa. 4 people died and around 20 were injured. Tonight someone threw a grenade into a bus in a Somali district of Nairobi. 7 dead, 30 injured. A few days before 2 people were killed there with a grenade. People are getting impatient and – other than when attacking Christians you don't hear much about forgiveness and loving your enemies. People are angry and start attacking Somali etc. 4 Moslem leaders were killed by unknown men. Those are times when it becomes difficult for

the Christians not to pick up weapons in order to defend themselves. Jesus gave us an example to love our enemies, to bless them and forgive them. That often goes above and beyond our human strength and thoughts. That's why we need Him and His strength in us and in our thoughts... in order to act in the right way when situations like that arise!

Kenya's Vice President (committed Christian) and pastor of the church in Mombasa emphasizes the importance of forgiving the terrorists, which in this case are Moslems.

### More politics in Kenya

Many hear about terrorist attacks and the insecurity in this country. Yet something entirely different happened a short while ago: Instead of asking for higher salaries, the President as well as Vice President reduced their salaries. That gave an example for the other government officials and resulted in a huge discussion. At the end – thank God – they agreed on reduced salaries, which is a huge step and has never happened in Kenya so far... Many people in Kenya love God and pray for their government.

### What are we to do with Immanuel?

Immanuel is three years old and the youngest of Athieng's five children. He is getting more and more difficult and sometimes even aggressive. Athieng has a handicap and walks on crutches. Immanuel attends our school, but cannot be taught. Several times he ran away and was found several kilometers away. Sometimes he screams for a long time. We don't know what the problem is. We have been praying and asking questions. He is probably suffering from a handicap (maybe autism). Now

we have found an affordable examination in order to receive advice from professionals. As many other things here in Africa, that will take a while. The appointment is in May. So far we have had traumatized children, but we were able to help them by building trust, by loving them and God worked within their lives and gave inner healing. A child like Immanuel is new to us. Yet we want to help those children as well, before they end up receiving help in form of locking them up.



**Immanuel**

### The situation in South Sudan

South Sudan is still in the middle of a civil war. At one time the rebels, at another time the government forces will conquer an area. As of late more and more government soldiers desert even in Wau – the origin of many people we work with. It is said that around one million people fled their homes. Both parties want power, but internationally – and that's how the war is funded – the reason for the war is oil, which is abundantly available in South Sudan. The country really needs Jesus...





**People to be baptized**



**Shalom Church  
Christmas food distributing**



**Angelina says „thank you“  
for the food**



**9 people baptized in January**

### **Shalom Church**

The church is doing well, even though only few people are attending. Still we were able to baptize two people last year and in January we were allowed to baptize 9 people. During the Christmas season we were able to distribute clothes and food to the Sudanese in our church who are coming from very poor background. As of late after the service, the people from our church are attending a trauma healing ministry we helped organize in another church. Those trauma healing meetings are very important, because many Sudanese are still suffering from emotional injuries they received during the war and their refugee time. Thank God for the professionals taking care of them, now.

### **Family News**

-Jesse (6 months) crawls more and more, he likes to sit and is in a good mood. He brings us much joy, despite the extra work. We thank God for him... What is he going to be like once he is older?

-Maurice likes to swim and he is a kind little guy. He is eager to please.

-David is doing quite well in the first grade and enjoys school.

-Anne is continuing her coaching course and is going to finish this year. At the same time she has her first customers and is quite successful. Besides that she is mother to our baby once again.

-Kay has a lot to do managing family, school, church, finances and bible school training which is resting a little right now. He still has a lot of fun with the boys.



**Hello there!**



**Maurice loves to climb**



**Jesses friends**



**Anne coaching**



**David reaches the cascade**



**The 3 Musketeers**





**Our new home in Parklands**



**No prison, just our gate**

### Move

We moved (Dec.16th!!) and are now living in an area called Parklands in Nairobi. After our landlady wanted to sell the house and offered us to buy it for "only" €430 000, we asked God to show us a new place to live. After a while we felt urged to search in a certain area where many Indians live. We found something, too. Now we don't have a yard anymore, but it is more spacious and safe. Our children like it.

Most of our neighbours are Indian Moslems, called "Ismaelites". Very nice people. You can describe this form of Islam as "humanistic Islam". Their leader, a French Indian called Aga Khan, who was divorced twice interprets the Koran in a way that makes it easier for the people to live by it. They are not accepted and sometimes even persecuted by Sunnites and Shiites in many countries. Here in Kenya they are quite safe and wealthy as many Indians are.

It is amazing to see them help their people here. There are social services, a department for work, homes for homeless Ismaelites and much more. They also like to donate towards charities. That is an important part of their faith – in order to secure a place in heaven, which has already been paid for by God himself through his son Jesus. Altogether an interesting area.

### Kay in a newspaper

Yesterday we looked at an Indian newspaper and were very surprised: A picture of Kay!!!

How did that happen?

A little while ago our Shalom School had organized an event at a rather big Indian temple. They wanted to collect money for charities, our ministry among them and they asked our students to perform something. They did and they did very well. The children sang Christian songs in Hindi and danced. Kay also had the opportunity of sharing how he came

from believing in Hare Krishna to Jesus. 300-400 Hindi were present! That was just wonderful. Everyone was very friendly and enjoyed it! ☺



**Shalom children**



**Shalom School in the temple**

### See, we are coming very soon

We are looking forward to seeing you! ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

If you would like to make an appointment, please write to [shalomafriacajc@swissmail.org](mailto:shalomafriacajc@swissmail.org)

### **Important: Germany**

Kay will travel to Munich on April 25th, Anne and the children will follow on May 30th.

We will return together on August 4th. What we urgently need are suitcases, 1 travel bed, 2 car seats for 6-7 year olds as well as a baby seat for the car.

### **Tour plan:**

#### **April/May:**

April 25th	Kay arrives in Munich
April 26th-27th	Alzey
April 28th-29th	Hameln/Hannover
April 3rd-May 2nd	Ruhrgebiet (Ennepetal, Herne)
May 3rd-4th	Husum
May 5th-9th	Berlin
May 10th	Magdeburg
May 11th	Burgdorf
May 12th-16th	Barsinghausen, Schöningen, Hameln
May 17th-18th	Vechta
May 19th-24th	Hannover/Hameln/Bad Münster
May 25th	Bückeburg/Hameln
May 26th-28th	Hameln/Hannover

May 29th

May 30th

Erlangen

Anne arrives with the 3 boys in Munich

#### **June:**

May 31st-June 15th Radolfzell, Bad Saulgau, South

June 16th-22nd Berlin

June 23rd-July 6th Hameln, Rinteln

#### **July/August:**

July 7th Reken

July 8th-12th Family Camp Hamminkeln

July 13th Kleve

July 14th Herne

July 15th-31st Hameln, Eickhorst, Barsinghausen

August 1st-3rd Augsburg, Munich

August 4th Departure from Munich

Thanks for your faithful support and every prayer! You are helping a lot and enables us to help the people from Sudan, Somalia and Kenya.  
We thank you in their names as well!  
SEE YOU SOON!!!



***Mbarikiwe sana – Blessings to you!***  
***Kay & Anne & David & Maurice & Jesse***

**Use of donations:**

**Shalom School:**

Rent, water, food, teacher salaries, cook, repairs, logistic, school material, uniforms, construction works, cleaning, administration, taxes, banking costs, etc.

**Shalom Sudanese Church:**

Repairs, co worker salaries, cleaning, technique, help for individuals or families

**Our own education:**

Anne: Int. Coaching

Kay Master study Theology.

For both: books, power, internet, phone costs, writing material, school fees.

**Other expenses:**

Phones, office, email, power, water, gas, car costs, mini bus travels, banking costs, mailing costs

**Private expenses:**

Rent, power, water, gas, work permit, car and transportation costs, phones, kindergarten, speech therapy, medication and hospital, food, cleaning, books, travel expenses, bank, donations, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothes.

**Our ministry**



- Building churches in Kenya and Sudan
- Training and education of African missionaries into Sudan
- In charge of a school for Sudanese refugees
- Bible study and elementary bible courses
- Youth- and children's ministry
- Teaching and preaching ministry in churches
- Building a project (Church and school) in Wau, Sudan
- Theological distance study



**Please pray with us for:**

- For children like Immanuel to receive more help at our school
- Good preparations for our trip to Germany
- Finances (School fees rose from €3000 to €10000 a year, there is no cheaper tuition for our children)

**We thank God for:**

- Safety despite rising danger through terror attacks in Nairobi and the many accidents
- Not many sicknesses in our family and even if someone got sick, they would recover after a while.
- Maurice and David are doing well in kindergarten and school

**An urgent request**

To limit the expenses please contact Globe Mission if you move to another place. Also inform Globe Mission if you are no longer interested in receiving this newsletter.  
Thank you!!!

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