



# FLYING FOR LIFE

in South Sudan

Newsletter Hobo family

*"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." – John Bunyan*



Dear friends and family,

It's already been more than three months ago that we had our first Home Assignment. We have been looking forward to it, have enjoyed it and it has flown by! It was great to meet family, friends and our home church after two years and having the ability to share something about our work in South Sudan. In the meantime, our leave seems long ago and we are quite busy again. Wim has continued with flying health workers, missionaries and church leaders to and from the villages and Marlies has picked up her work in the orphanage again. It's nice to have some cooler weather in the rainy season, but (as you can imagine) the same weather is also causing some challenges with flying.

Warm regards, Wim & Marlies and Yenthe

I have had a very long summer break this year: almost 10 weeks! I did not get bored, because I had quite some Dutch lessons from my mom. I also went often with my mom to the orphanage .. I like to play there with the children. The boy on the picture is my big friend! He always comes to me as soon as we arrive and then we play together.

*Yenthe*



## South Sudan

In the past weeks, a new peace agreement has been signed between the government and the biggest rebel groups.

Unfortunately, within two days, there was fighting again in the south of the country. Wim recently evacuated a group of missionaries from a village in the north of the country, where unrest had broken out and compounds from aid organizations came under attack.

Nevertheless, we hope that the agreement will provide more stability in the coming period.

## Ebola

As you may have heard, there has been an Ebola breakout in Congo again. Because Congo borders South Sudan, all pilots have recently been trained to recognize symptoms of this disease and to protect themselves and other passengers.



## Whatsapp updates



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## Daddy!

A bit nervous they climb on board. Most of them do not understand me and watch me suspicious when I help them with the seatbelts. I have fourteen passengers today, including a number of children. These are the relatives of a South Sudanese colleague. They have lived in a refugee camp in the north of Uganda for three years. Now that it has become a little more safe and stable in their village, I'll bring them back today. My colleague saved quite some money to make this flight possible.

After takeoff, I hear the children shouting enthusiastically when they see everything getting smaller and smaller. Within 30 minutes, most of them are asleep. After 1.5 hours, we first fly low over the airstrip to chase away all the cows and goats. As soon as we are landed, I hear a loud "daddy!" and when I open the doors, a 9-year old girl storms down the stairs and (after 3 years) falls into her father's arms. A few younger children are uncomfortably looking around, they probably have never seen their father before.

With a lump in my throat, I realize again how much suffering and brokenness there is and I feel grateful that we can do something for the people of this country.



### Thank for:

- A good Home Assignment
- Protection during our flights
- The relatively stable and calm situation in Juba

### Pray voor:

- Peace and stability in the whole country
- Extra teachers for Yenthes school
- That the Ebola outbreak in Congo doesn't spread out to other areas



### From our Support Team

In the past period we have been able to organize a few sports activities again. A football tournament in June where 21 teams competed with great enthusiasm for the cup. And in September we had the 3rd edition of the Paddle for Life. Together, this has raised over € 8,000! Many thanks!

