



# FLYING FOR LIFE

in South Sudan

Newsletter Hobo family

*"Don't just tell God how big your problems are, but tell your problems how big God is!"*

- Martin Koornstra -

*Dear family and friends,*

Greetings from a warm and dusty South Sudan. In this newsletter more about a new baby at the orphanage and our planned move. We're planning to come on Home Assignment to The Netherlands in the beginning of May and are looking forward to meeting you again!

*Wim & Marlies and Yenthe*

## *Just like Moses...*

With a heavy jerry can full of water on her head, the woman walks towards her house. Suddenly she hears the cry of a baby and surprised she looks around... In the far distance there are no houses or people to be seen. She decides to have a look where the crying comes from. She is shocked when she finds the baby lying under some bushes, all alone, only a few days old. With tears in her eyes, she takes the baby in her arms and, unable to care for it herself, takes him to a nearby orphanage.

When I got the baby in my arms and heard the story, I immediately had to think about the story of Moses. Perhaps this little boy was also deliberately left at that place because his mother knew he would be found! On the other hand I also felt sad, because how despaired you must feel as a mother to leave your child behind in the bush! The first week he was sick and had difficulty drinking. Thankfully, the boy is now doing well, is growing and seems to appreciate the attention and love from the nurses in the orphanage.



## *Health*

In the last year it has been very busy. We have never before flown as much in South Sudan, which is great because it allowed us to support many people and organisations. However, unfortunately a prolonged imbalance between work/stress and relaxation has also taken its toll. We got very tired and at the end of last year Wim started to experience burnout symptoms as well. That's why we had to take a few steps back. Wim had to pause flying for several weeks, but started again in January and currently flies about three days a week. We have been seeing an upward trend in the last months, but we are also expecting that full recovery will still take some time.

## Moving

In the coming months we are planning to move again. This time not from one compound to another, but to Uganda!

As some of you know, we did have the intention to move to Liberia after our Home Assignment. However, because the situation in both Liberia and Uganda has changed in the meantime, we have been asked by MAF to join the program in Uganda for the coming years.

Although the work in South Sudan is really satisfying and we do feel at home here, the move to Uganda ensures that schooling will be available for Yenthe next year. It also means that she will have peers and classmates around her again instead of being the only one in class. This allows us as a family to continue serving with MAF and continue to reach isolated people in Africa with God's love. It will be difficult to say goodbye to colleagues, friends and the people we support. But at the same time, we are looking forward to starting in Uganda. We'll tell you more about this change during our leave.

Hi everyone,

*I'm looking forward moving to Uganda!*

*But first we'll come to the Netherlands where I can go back to the same school as last year, so I'll see my friends from last year again.*

*In the weekends, dad and I regularly go for a bike ride, nice off-road with the mountain bike. Cycling is really a big hobby of mine!*

*Greetings, Yenthe*



### Thank for:

- Wim seems to recover well from his over-tiredness.
- New MAF families that are in the pipeline for South Sudan

### Pray for:

- Energy during this busy time of packing and saying goodbye.
- Less water in the flooded areas
- Peace and an end to the armed conflict

## From our Support Team

Presentation dates:

24th May Evening about missions  
HHG Schoonrewoerd

25th June **Meeting supporters**  
VBG Papendrecht

Please check [vliegenvoorleven.nl](http://vliegenvoorleven.nl) in due course for times and addresses.

We would like to thank everyone very much for all the mail and packages we have received in the last six years! Because it usually takes several weeks for the mail to arrive, we would like to ask you not to send mail to Kenya anymore. We will inform you about our new address as soon as possible.



## Drought in Africa?

Wim looked surprised when he arrived at Mayendit to pick up a number of health workers. The airstrip and surrounding villages turned out to be completely flooded. Fortunately, after some discussions on the radio, it became clear that the passengers had passed on the wrong destination and Wim was still able to pick them up. It is unusual that so many areas are still flooded by the end of the dry season. The rainy season will start soon and you can imagine what a disaster this can be for the people in these areas.