



FLYING FOR LIFE

in Uganda

Newsletter Hobo family

"Be a small part of the big thing God is doing in the nations." - Chuck Lenhart-



Dear family and friends,

Hereby another message from Uganda. Read more about a recent flight with South Sudanese children, a visit of one of Marlies' students and our home assignment plans. We look forward to meeting you soon again!

Warm regards, Wim & Marlies and Yenthe

Healing and hope

A small smile appears on the face of this young South Sudanese boy, as I carefully take him from his mother. I have just landed in Tororo, a town in the Southeast of Uganda. My passengers for today are five young children with their mothers. Although the children look different, one thing that stands out is their large heads. They are born with a so-called hydrocephalus. This morning, I have picked them up in Juba, South Sudan and now I am handing them over to a medical team from CURE Hospital. Born into difficult circumstances without adequate medical care, these kids now have the opportunity to undergo a life-changing surgery.



The doctors at CURE Hospital work tirelessly and operate dozens of children with hydrocephalus or spina bifida every week. Not only does the CURE Hospital team provide medical care for the children, but they also share something deeper with the parents: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Parents, weary of their children's struggles, find comfort in words of hope and recovery.

Sometimes at the end of the day I wonder who or what I actually have flown. But today on the way home I realize once again that I carry more than cargo on every flight. We carry dreams, healing and the promise of a better future.

Support Team visit

In February, some of our Support Team members have visited us. They have been supporting us faithfully from the Netherlands for years. This time, we could show them our work and life in Uganda in real life. They visited Yenthe's school and there was even time for a safari trip. We really enjoyed spending time with them.



A look into Maryan's world

I look around and realize that the space is even smaller than our bedroom! I estimate it at 2x3m. I see a mattress on the floor in the corner. Other than that, just a chair, a table and a cupboard. This is the living space of one of the children from my teaching class. Maryan lives in this small house together with her mother. She is very excited that we are visiting her and tells everyone that her teachers are coming to her house! Her mother apologizes several times for not being able to offer us coffee or tea because of Ramadan. This visit makes me think again about the big contrast between rich and poor, and I realize how privileged we are with our house. This mother is so grateful for her house, even though the roof leaks and she has to share the mattress with her daughter. She is happy that she has a place to live and that she can go to school for the first time in her life. Maryan's mother takes English classes for adults. She is thankful that she can finally learn how to write and is one of the most loyal students. This year we, as teachers, would like to visit all children at home, to build a good relationship with them, to see where (and how) they live and meet further family where possible.



Thank for:

- Suitable accommodation during for our Home Assignment
- Good health
- The mission and development projects in Uganda, through which thousands of people are blessed every day.

Pray for:

- Deeper relationships between Marlies (and her colleagues) and the Somali refugees. Also for openings to share the Gospel with them.
- A good and restful furlough
- Safe flights now that the rainy season is starting again.



Home Assignment

We have been in Uganda for almost two years now and are planning to come for home assignment to The Netherlands in June-July. We have found a place to live in Werkendam and are looking forward to meeting you!

We are planning to have a **Meet & Greet** in VBG Papendrecht on **Saturday, June 15**. Reserve the date on your calendar!



From our Support Team

We are planning to have our annual business **football tournament** again on **Friday, June 7th**. Would you enjoy a sporting activity with your colleagues or friends and at the same time support the work of Wim & Marlies? Register quickly via voetballenvoorleven.nl!

In case you would like to invite Wim & Marlies for a presentation in your church or club, please let us know as soon as possible via tft@vliegenvoorleven.nl. Thank you!

