

Merry Christmas from the Liggett's

We are starting to prepare for Christmas and wrap up work at NAG. More than anything the past year has reminded us to not solely put faith in our own abilities but remember that God is the one with the master plan.



Early this November Maria travelled to Norway to meet with a private pre-school chain called Norlandia. The aim was to work out a strategy to raise support for pre-schools in South Africa. The results from the trip seem promising as Norlandia is committed long term to fund the development of pre-schools. Norlandia is also very interested in the future leader's programme, here the video that Alex Johnstone helped us put together sealed the deal. As part of the trip Maria also managed to quickly visit her family on the west coast of Sweden. Here she signed up to do a cliff jump as part of a scheme to get her family to fund the construction of a playground at a pre-school here in KwaNzimakwe, .

Ever since Maria's visit to Norway we have been hanging on hoping we would get to catch our breath. The day after her return Aaron was admitted to hospital with pneumonia and it seems like we have been struggling with sickness and tiredness ever since. This is always a busy time at NAG but things are starting to slow down. Looking back, we see that NAG not only survived but came out stronger than before in many ways after financial challenges and cut backs at the start of the year. It is encouraging to see staff who have been with us for a long time step up and grow. .



Aaron receiving deliveries for playground at the creche near our house..

We have a lot to be thankful for. At one stage this year we were starting to wonder how much longer our cars would last but this all changed literally within a month. Suddenly someone phoned us to say they wanted to help us upgrade our family car and NAG had a donor wanting to fund a new vehicle. We have also had our prayers answered when it comes to finding fellowship where we feel connected and supported. We are starting a homegroup with the american missionaries who live quite close to us which is very good for us as family.

Ezra has finished his first year in pre-primary where he has been very happy. The school year ended with a nativity play with Ezra as a sheep, Aaron attended the show as well and sat completely still as he is a great fan of music and dancing. Next year will be different for Aaron as he will no longer stay at home but start attending play school.

Maria's sister and her daughter will soon be arriving to celebrate Christmas with us in South Africa. We are very excited to have them visit as we often get a little bit homesick this time of the year.



Ezra painting cones to hang on the Christmas tree.

Please pray with us for the boys health and for all of us to get some rest over the holidays. Thank you for helping us send Ezra to South City Christian School.

*Love,
Brian, Maria, Ezra and Aaron*