



South Africa, KwaZulu-Natal, May 2023

Dear friends,

we didn't get in touch for a long time because there wasn't much to report about our mission work.

The year began with a drama in our mission team: The husband of one of our Part-time employees tried to take his own life. So in the first weeks of the new year we were busy taking care of the couple, both financially and with words and deeds. In the meantime, the reason for this act of desperation has been cleared out of the way and both seem to be doing well.

Then we had three pregnancies in our team. Mabongi gave birth at the beginning of January and was therefore hardly available for the first few months. Mzo, our keyboard player and sound specialist, became a father for the first time about a month ago, and Nonhle, one of our most gifted singers, is also pregnant and will soon give birth. Just for fun, I suggested that they should start a Whatsapp support group!

Although the occasion is a joyful one and we are grateful that all mothers and babies are healthy, our work was clearly hindered. At least we were able to take care of visitors from Germany. A pastor couple from Ingolstadt came to South Africa for the first time to visit us. They were succeeded by our two adult children, Maria and Simon, and finally my sister Regine came to visit for the first time in 21 years. Everyone was a blessing to us and we enjoyed the time together!

In April, I accepted an invitation to Khayelitsha in Cape Town to be the main speaker of an Easter conference. It was a good experience as the church is very much alive. Afterwards we had a tent crusade in Esikhawini, not far from Richards Bay, near the coast. We chose this location because it was already getting too cold for evening events in most other areas. The number of visitors was not very good, but nevertheless we saw good results of our evangelistic preaching at the starter course during the second week.

Our work is sometimes very physically demanding, but what has intensified for me is the spiritual warfare. This time it was so intense that I thought to myself, "In ministry you need a strong heart, otherwise the ministry can kill you".

Please pray for the next campaigns. In August we want to go to northern Zululand; however, this is only a plan so far.

Our youngest daughter, Carolina, is now in her last year of school, which ends in December. For us and for her, this will herald a new phase of life.

Greetings from Katja, Bodo and Carolina

Easter Conference in Cape Town



Dear visitors from Ingolstadt



Picture with the leadership in Cape Town



Team Babies!



Pitching Equipment in Esikhawini



Representative of Radio Ukhozi FM



Prayer for the Holy Spirit





Visit from Pastor Gazu



At the matric dance event



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