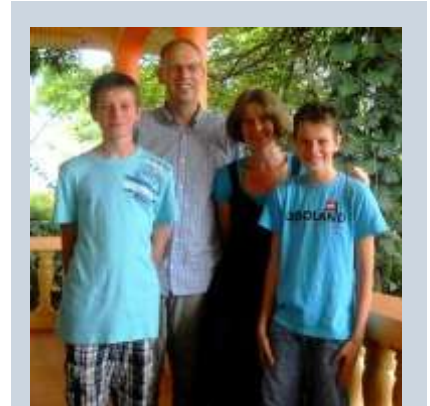


Haasnoot Happenings



Uganda & Southern Sudan - December 2010

This past year has been full of changes for the Haasnoot family. It has been quite an exciting year in many ways. In this photo newsletter we will 'show and tell' you about some of those changes.



Desta, Jaap, Mirjam and David in Kampala

Jaap teaches theology at a college of the Episcopal Church of Sudan in the diocese Kajo Keji, in Southern Sudan not far from the border with Uganda. Jaap made three visits in the past few months. He taught a course 'Major Themes in Theology' to a small group of certificate level students.

The college first operated in a refugee camp in Uganda. After the Peace Agreement in 2005, the college moved to Southern Sudan. Many church leaders have very little theological training, mainly because of the civil wars. Now the economic situation is a challenge: many people want to study but finances are an issue.



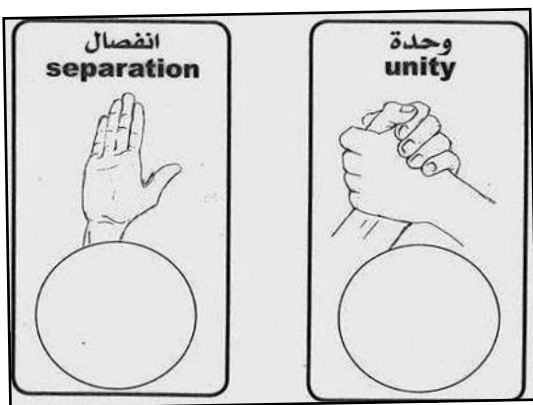
For this school year we are based in Kampala, Uganda. Desta and David attend a day school. Mirjam looks after the (three!) boys and has several other tasks, such as teaching Dutch Language to two Mission Kids.



Desta (13) and David (11) attend Rainbow International School in Kampala. The 'original plan' was that they would attend a boarding school in Kenya but there was no place for them. We enjoy being together in Kampala and they like school (as far that is possible for a school, according to Desta).



Joel and Jesse were able to visit us in the second half of December. We made a trip to Queen Elizabeth National Park in Western Uganda and saw a lot of wild animals. The four boys had great fun together!



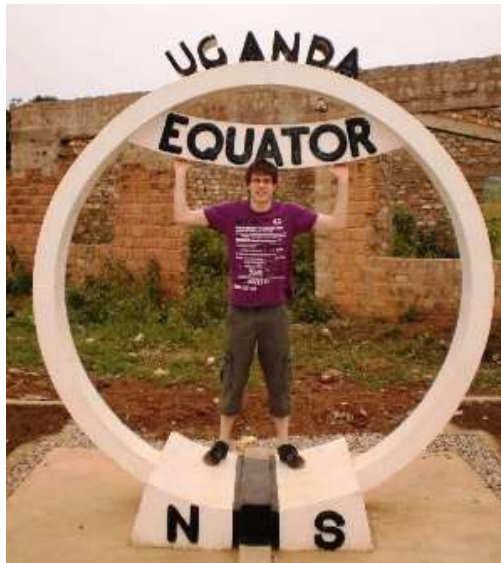
2011 will be an important year for Sudan. On January 9th, 2011 the South will vote for separation or unity in a referendum. The expectation is that people will vote for independence. Will the referendum be free and fair? Will the North accept the result? Many questions are still unanswered. Please pray that justice and peace will prevail.





May the new year bring the warmth of home and hearth to you. The cheer and goodwill of friends to you. The hope of a childlike heart to you. The joy of a thousand angels to you. The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

(Irish blessing)



Joel (21) and Jesse (17) live in the Netherlands. Joel is in his final year of his Information Science studies (BA) and Jesse in his final year of secondary school. Jesse lives with friends from our home church in Ede, the Netherlands. Although it takes for all of us some time to adjust to the new situation, the 'Dutch guys' are doing well. We use email and Skype to stay in touch regularly.



From left to right: (back) Joel, Jesse, Jaap, (front) Tirza (Joel's girlfriend), David, Mirjam and Desta. Picture taken July 2010.

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