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What a year it's been! High highs and low lows balance each other out. But through it all, God has always been faithful!

Kay is doing so much better than earlier this year and she was able to resume trainings which she loves.

Moriah-Jane is also doing very well again. It was great to see her in Germany in July and to finally meet my grandson! In September, they visited us here as a family, so we had more time together.



After a long delay due to Kay's health, we finally had the training in Mfuleni with young adults eager to work with children in the community. It went well and we trust fruit will come from it.

Kay also taught on the counselling school in Muizenberg and had very positive feedback. Kay really loves training spaces. In March she will fly to Holland again.



We continue to support soup kitchens in Fisantekraal and Mfuleni, hunger remains a big problem in many communities here.

We started our foster and adoption journey 9 years ago, our family of 5 became a family of 9. It was one of the best decisions we ever made, but apart from the many blessings, there is also a high price to pay. It is worth the price, but had we known it at the beginning, we might have said no. It is God's mercy that He always only

shows the next few steps. Our wonderful big family has seen many miracles and breakthroughs over the years, but we never run out of challenges. When you take in a child that was removed from a family, it is always sad. The child comes with a lot of baggage that is not the child's fault. Some is obvious from the start, some might only come to light after years. Dealing with the baggage does not only take time and love, it often involves money. School is hard for our 3 youngest, even with medication and extra help. It doesn't seem to get easier, but harder every year. We are very grateful for all the support we receive from various sources toward the special needs of some of our children. Even with all that support, having a big family like ours gets more expensive every year and even though our support has increased, it did not keep up with the demands. When you expand your family, everyone is excited and interested, and many want to help, which is great. It also helps when the kids are small and look so cute. With time, people get used to the new family, hopefully still think it's great, but less excited. As the years go by, the real work starts for the parents. Faithfully, lovingly, plodding along, doing whatever it takes. All kinds of commitments increase while making a less and less exciting newsletter. Through it all, we grow and change, so do the kids, hopefully for the better. We could not do this without God!



2026 will bring a lot of changes, not all by choice. As it stands, apart from a big miracle soon, we will have to sell our house. We might move around the corner or a bit further away. We need to make some decisions about schooling and the timing thereof. It is scary, but we also see a lot of potential for some great new things. Once the house is sold, we would get quite some money back, but it might be tight until then. While things are getting finalized, we would just ask you to pray with us for wisdom and guidance on a few open questions, and special grace for the children to adjust to all the new. It will be great in the long run, but initially it will also be hard. God has always been good and faithful to us and we don't expect that to change. So there is a big weird mix of excited, scared, hopeful, trusting, doubt, new beginning, all at the same time. We know God is good and He loves us!

I will write again very soon with more details. Until then, please pray with us. Any contributions towards the big changes until the house is sold would be greatly appreciated. Thanks so much for all the care and support so far. We can't do this on our own.

Blessings and greetings from the warm Cape, have a blessed Advent season, the world needs Him more than ever,

Holger and Kay

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