

Summer is in full swing, autumn and the grape harvest are slowly starting and the weather is fine.

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So far we had great guests, fantastic weather with even a heat wave of 45-plus and a great atmosphere. The season for "de Leeuwenhof Guesthouse" has been very good so far and we have had quite a big number of great guests. This year we seem to have expanded our markets as we got the first french guests ever and also a long stay of an American couple turned out very pleasant.

We were able to change our status **from Guesthouse to Hotel** and this is a great breakthrough as it now lures more international guests who do not all understand the guesthouse concept to our facilities.

It is always great to see all different nationalities around the table and although sometimes we need to step in and get the atmosphere going a bit, it usually turn out into a great happening and an exchange of visions and adventures.

One thing is sure, they all love Africa and the Wine Lands and so do we.

Our children Stefan and Tessa, who both study at Stenden University in Port Alfred in South Africa and who do Business economics and Hotel Management, came home for 6 weeks to help in the Guesthouse during their summer break. It is great to see how one's children grow from babies into smart young people, who so now and then think they can teach even pappa a lesson 🍷

Samantha, our south African manager, has left us in the beginning of December and we wish her the best of luck. Although this was supposed to put a great pressure on our operations, it was not, and now even Memmy's Daughter "Claredine" has joined our ranks and this works fine.

We are busy with getting our new manager online and shortly we will introduce you to her via our blog. Her name is Mona Brand and she speaks fluent Afrikaans, English and German, lives in Paarl and loves the guesthouse business.

If all goes well, it means we are soon capable of getting away for a few days and the farm and guesthouse as well as all our animals will survive and prosper.

greetings,

Daan Yvonne, Memmy, Claredine, Adriaan, Jaftha and Mona.

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