



1 Word from Program Coordinator Marianne Izaaks

Namibia is one of the driest countries in the world and is experiencing the worst drought in 30 years. The drought is the reason why many Namibians only have low or not the slightest access to water, sanitation and hygienic facilities. Particularly the children suffer from it. Also this year many volunteers spent their time with high commitment for the children. They love to work with the 40 children who benefit from their knowledge. Without the volunteers the necessary mutual respect and the understanding for each other, a successful work would not be possible. I say 'thank you very much' and I am looking forward to all the volunteers next year. Not only for the time in Usakos but also in Germany are the volunteers helpful for UNCSO! Last year a fund-raising event was organized by Bianca Krüger and Maria Kirstein and this year it was arranged by Kerstin Alt. "Make the impossible possible" the "Schule Zum Broch" wrote on their flag. The management from the special school organized a charity run for UNCSO. The children ran this donation race and hereby donated 1.758.00 € for the kids in Usakos. What a wonderful event! Also this year we want to thank all our supporters and DNG for their moral support. We are very grateful for all the donations which are essential for a successful project work. UNCSO wishes each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless!

2 The Volunteers of term 2 and term 3



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21. 05. - 26.07.2013



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21.05. - 14.08.2013



Miriam Kienle (24)
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Bremen, Germany
21.05. - 14.08.2013



Rainer Plüsch (63)
Doctor in ENT, retired
Hamburg, Germany
21.05. - 16.08.2013



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Hamburg, Deutschland
21.05. - 16.08.2013



Julian Peters (20)
High school graduate
Landau, Germany
27.05. - 16.08.2013



Anne Hoffmann (27)
Student of geography and Ger-
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Greifswald, Germany
27.06. - 16.08.2013



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Greifswald, Germany
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Werner Bojert (65)
Teacher, retired
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Hannah Emmerich (18)
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30. 08. – 30.11.2013



Anne Hanika (26)
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Nürnberg, Germany
03.09. – 30.11.2013



Helene Steigertahl (27)
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03.09. - 30.11.2013



Hannah Grethlein (25)
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03.09. – 25.09.2013



Verena Ottl (19)
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19.09. - 21.11.2013



Sophia Birchinger (19)
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Landshut, Germany
19.09. - 21.11.2013



Franziska Hausmann (18)
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19.09. - 21.11.2013



Melanie Peter (24)
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04.10. - 21.11.2013



Caroline Boldyreff (23)
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04.10. – 21.11.2013

3 The Parents Event

To bring the UNCSO-Kids, their parents and ourselves together we organized a parents event. The theme of the evening was "Circus". We split the children into three groups: Animals, Clowns / Artists and Singers / Dancers. The practice time before the event was sometimes really hard, especially with the young children. But in the end all of us prepared an amazing evening! The program started with the introduction part led by Marianne, followed by all the kids singing "Kumba Ya my Lord". After that the three groups showed their nice performances with singing parts inbetween. The surprise at the end of the Show was a singing and a rapping part of some previous center kids. In the afternoon before the Show we prepared hot dogs which we gave out to the kids and the parents after the Performances. All of us really enjoyed the evening and had a lot of fun. We were also really happy about the fact that many parents came to see their kids performing.



4 The yearly prize giving event

The yearly Prize givings of the Erongosig and Elifas Goseb Primary School took place on October 17 and 18. We are really proud of the center kids who received prizes. The best in every class/ grade and subject was honored in a festive atmosphere and therefore received cash and gift prizes. The topic of the Prize giving at Elifas Goseb was "Education our inspiration, success our destination". The official speakers also picked up this topic in their pep talks. The talk of the present Namibian minister of Education David Namwandi meant a special honor for the Erongosig Primary. Furthermore Mr. Lion Kahlmise as a Community Relations Officer was the highlight of the program. Traditional singing and dancing performances of the students made both events more colorful.

Andreas Olivia, Michelle, Glenda, Palomieta

Magreth

Joelien

Paolette



5 Christmas party



On November 16 the yearly UNSCO-Christmas Party took place where around 100 guests joined. The preparations started already weeks before: handicrafts were made, cookies were baked, Christmas songs and the nativity play were practiced. It was a wonderful afternoon with a varied program and a tasty meal. The children performed the nativity play, all together many Christmas songs were sung and an African dance was presented. Of course Father Christmas was not missing. Before the presents were given out, he was reading out of the “Golden Book”. The families of the children were also allowed to join the gift giving so that no one had to go home with empty hands. We were very happy that so many family members of the kids were at our party and we will always keep this afternoon on our minds.



6 Center work

The daily structure of the center provides the children with a routine and security. Thus, every day goes according to a certain scheme. At 12 pm the children of grade 1 and 2 come to the center. Until the older ones finish school at 1 pm we play, sing, dance and read together. Then it is lunch time and the children stand up in a line to wash their hands, they pray, eat and pray again to thank for their food. Subsequently, there is a short toilet break after which the children brush their teeth. We do 10 minutes of exercises like sit-ups, jumping, boxing and dance moves. Thereafter, our one hour study time starts. The children are divided into groups according to their grades. During that hour we do homework and study mainly mathematics and English.



Afterwards, we offer daily activities. Each day has a certain theme. Mondays is sports day (basketball, soccer, netball), Tuesdays is arts and crafts day, Wednesdays is music day (singing, dancing, creating

instruments), Thursdays is stories day (reading, playing, drawing, picture shows) and Fridays is beauty day (showering, HIV and violence prevention). Every day ends with the singing of our good bye song "Alle Leut".



Some former center kids also come to visit occasionally. This proves the sustainability of the project. Some of former kids pay a short visit to the center after school, some take part in singing and dancing with us and some even help the smaller ones with their homework. One highlight of this term was the rap performance of Paulus, Johannes Domenicus and CJ - the "Untouchable Crew" - who sang their own songs in front of the children and answered questions about their music.

7 Friday is Beauty Day



Apart from the daily hand washing and teeth brushing, every Friday is an intensive hygiene program. Depending on need and wether nails are cut, hair is disentangled, clothes are washed or the kids are showering. To give the kids a positive relation towards these necessities , the duties are matched with positive things like shower parties, nail polishing or making tattoos. In order to send the kids home not only clean but also self-confident, there is always time for practicing to say No, defend oneself or build up trust.



8 House visits



Like every term we volunteers had the chance to visit the families of our children. For us it was not taken for granted to get a look so deeply in to the family's privacy. We were very happy to have the chance. We managed to visit a huge number of families at once. It was important for us to see the circumstances of living and every important question was answered either by Marianne or the family members themselves as far as possible. Most of the families were very open and heartwarming towards us. They showed us their homes and told us about their individual problems. For us it was surprising to see how strong these people were, how they were able to manage all their problems and still seemed very happy with their lives. One very good example is the family of one of our younger kids. The father produces his own bricks, the mother has her own shop, where she sells 1\$ packages of food. Both of them struggle to keep the family safe and sound. Plus they adopted two more kids. All in all the house visits showed us poverty and struggling people, but it encouraged us to work even harder for our kids and their families.



9 Donations

We want to thank all our donators for UNCSO. Thank you for your financial support and of course also for all contributions in kind that reach the center many times a year. We are very grateful for this; without this support we would not be able to run the center like we do today!

Thank you for your donations:

- Donations of the Volunteers, their parents and friends
- Deutsch-Namibische-Gesellschaft (DNG) and all sponsors and donors over DNG
- Namibia-Hilfe for the transport of a lot of donations in kind
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- Frauke Asma for money and some nice helper for mathematics
- Skat-meeting Braunschweig for donating money

All donors not mentioned we would also like to thank very much. Without their help our work would not be possible.



10 Changes



Every term brings changes to the Center. To bring hygiene closer to the kids, showering has been done for a long time now. This year we started to integrate tooth brushing in to the daily program of the center. Thanks to many donations; we were able to buy cups and a stack of toothbrushes plus toothpaste for the kids. Thanks to Auntie Lena who made a cup holder for the cups and brushes in our lunch room. Another change this year was also very necessary: The windows, mostly broken by stones, had to be repaired. Also we installed shelves along the walls to lay out the things the kids made throughout the term. In this case we want to thank Denver for having patience with us struggling to find the right nails for the wall and also for putting in the windows so neatly. Another change this year was the “Rewarding System” by which the kids could see how they behaved and how they had been working during study time. Every day they had the chance to achieve 2 butterflies, silver for behavior, and gold for work. Whoever had 20 points together received a small gift (e.g. coloring pencils, books or hairpins and so on). The point in all this is to get the kids working and to motivate them to want to achieve more every day. Many of the kids stick to it and have achieved many points already; sadly, however, some of them do not care about the system.



11 Future wishes

Wishes for the future:

- For two of our Center kids it is necessary to get a treatment of an eye doctor. Both of them have eye problems. Because of missing financial resources a treatment has not yet been possible to arrange.
- The work of the volunteers is very important. For the future it would be helpful if there came more psychologist students to understand and handle more the behavior of the children.
- To copy the exercise sheets for the study time in the center, it would be nice if we got ink for our printer HP 5525.
- We are very thankful for the clothes, which were donated in the past. Clothes for the kids, especially trousers for the boys, are still needed in the future.
- Most of the children have problems to read and write. To give the children proper help, it would be great if we received books about teaching the children how to read and write.

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