



Term 2  
2015

## Newsletter

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### 1 Greeting

The winter season 2015 in Namibia is nearly over and not even the cold winter days could stop the motivated team to work hard. First I want to thank the volunteers for an excellent job well done. Secondly to DNG and all donators and sponsors who so wholeheartedly donate and keep us thriving.

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Thanks to all who trust and support us.  
"Believe and you will Succeed"

Marianne Izaaks

## 2 Volunteers

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Tina Hauptelshofer (24)  
Teacher for Realschule,  
B.A. English/Geography  
Eichstätt, Germany  
20.05.-03.08.2015



Barbara Kis (18)  
Student in High-School  
Bad Ischl, Austria  
22.05.-15.08.2015



Paulina Mehner (19)  
High-School graduate  
Rheinbach, Germany  
17.05.-07.08.2015



Jan Hovestadt (19)  
High-School graduate  
Karlsruhe, Germany  
22.05.-15.08.2015



Kolja Grothe (21)  
High-School graduate  
Rheinbach, Germany  
17.05.-07.08.2015



Julius Doebbe (19)  
High-School graduate  
Essen, Germany  
17.05.-11.08.2015

Peter Schnell (24)  
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Lindau am Bodensee, Germany  
01.05.-20.08.2015



### 3 New Kids

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In the second term of 2015 we are happy to have two new faces in the center.



Ronial attends grade 2 and



Rondiago is in grade 3.

### 4 House Visits

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Like in every term, we also had the chance to visit some of the children's families at home. On three days we visited all together 12 houses. Despite the parents letters we gave out a day before, we didn't meet all of the chosen families. Luckily, Marianne booked more houses in than doable. We saw a wide range of different living circumstances: there was everything from stone houses with running water and electricity through to shacks which were almost falling apart. To pave the way for resettling in a stone house, the families have to pay monthly in a bank deposit. Due to alcohol abuse and the high unemployment rate it's unfortunately not possible for most of the families to do so. Surprisingly, most of the parents are not able to speak or understand English. Therefore, Marianne usually starts the conversation in Afrikaans. All the Information of the former house visits are collected in a book to whose she could tie up and add more to. Following this, she explained the specific situation to us, referring for example unpaid water bills, food shortage or personal problems. Thereafter we were able to ask further questions, either with Marianne's help or, as long as the language barrier wasn't too bad, directly to parents. The insight in the living circumstances really helped us to understand the children's behavior in some situations much better.





## 5 Parents Event

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„Heal the World“ was this year's theme for our parents event. This serious topic should show both, parents and kids, that a sensible handling of nature and fellow humans is important. Although the preparation took several days, which was really exhausting for the kids, they enjoyed to show what they had learned before. After Marianne open the evening with a speech the kids sang songs like „We are the World“, „Let it be“ or „Heal the World“ and performed short sketches, which fitted to the theme of the event. Then all guests and kids had a warm supper and cold soft drinks, right after pastor Links finished the program by a prayer and Marianne thanked all volunteers for their work in the Center.





We took some money of the donations to buy some stuff for care packages. Every family got one bag with flour, salt, sugar, candles, lighters, a instant soup, oil, a soap and a washing soap. Thank you for all donators!



## 6 Center Work

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We plan the daily programme for the following week with Marianne every monday. Every morning the volunteers have to do worksheets for their grade. Afterwards we drive to the center and lay the table. When the school is out and the kids from Grade 1 and 2 come to the center they help us to get water from the tap behind the center. Before lunch, which is at 1 o'clock p.m. everybody stands behind the chair and we pray together. One of each table brings the dishes out to Auntie Petra. Then it's toilet break. The small ones from Grade 1- Grade 3 first go to the toilet and brush their teeth afterwards and the big ones from Grade 4- Grade 7 brush their teeth first and accordingly go to the toilet. Subsequently it's exercise time, so we dance and sing songs like „Head and shoulders, knees and toes“ or do Push-ups. Studytime is between 2 o'clock and 3 o'clock. Every volunteer is in his grade and helps the kids doing their homework or worksheets. When everyone is finished, it's activity time. Either we do sports (football, burning ball, netball,...), arts and crafts or music (singing or dancing). Apart from the daily hand washing and teeth brushing, we do hygiene days. Depending on need and wether nails are cut, we wash their hairs and their feeds. We also have conversation days. There we discuss different topics like puberty, menstruation or discipline. The center is over at 4 o'clock p.m. and everybody walks home.





## 7 Toilet repair

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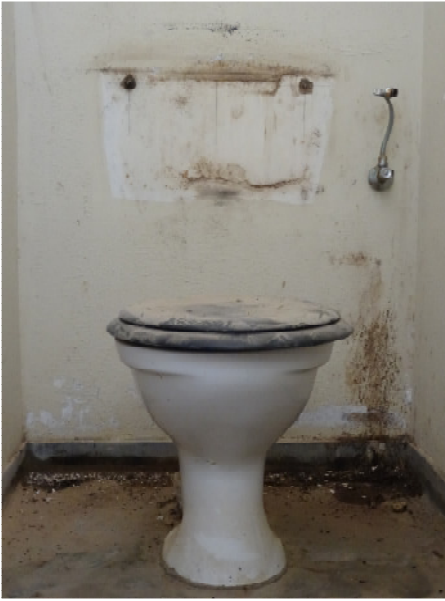
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Before:



After:





## 8 Jakob's house

After the house visits we could especially remember Jakobs' bad living condition. He and his big family, about 9 people, are living together in a small shack with a broken roof and crooked walls. Nine people are sleeping on the floor next to the fire spot.

Therefore, we decided to build a new shack for Jakob which should be big enough for all of the family members. During the weeks we had collected donations to finance our project. We were able to use shopping lists and experiences from other volunteers who also built some shacks in the township. The material was ordered from „agra“, a whole sale in Karibib. A neighbour of Marianne was able to borrow us a car for the transport.

On Saturday, the 27th of July 2015, we began with the building part. Firstly, we hammered the frame together out of strong poles and wooden slats. With the support of Jakobs' father and two local people it was easy to fix the corrugated iron sheets on the roof part and on the walls. Even a door and a lock were bought and installed.

On Sunday we used concrete to make a solid ground. Furthermore, it should help to stabilize the poles. We also ordered a new bed for Jakob.

All in all the construction of the shack was unproblematic with a proper result and the new inhabitants were satisfied. Small problems appeared when we used the wooden material and we had bought the wrong nails. The measuring was a little bit inexact but we had enough material to compensate it.









## 9 Donations

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We would like to thank all supporters and donators of UNCSO and the DNG (Deutsch-Namibische Gesellschaft). Thank you very much for your financial support and all the other contributions that reach the children in the center. We really appreciate this and we are very grateful.

And a big thanks goes to the Namibia Hilfe, as well as Margot Metzger, Family Heise, Bianca Kruger, Kerstin Alt and Christina Blaj for their contributions and donations of clothes.





## 10 Future Wishes

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- Ink and paper for our printer HP 5525; laminating bags
- Supplies for hygiene at the center (e.g. tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo and soap)
- Books, especially learner books for grade one and two, in order to learn reading and writing
- Plasters, dressing, first aid gloves
- Pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, different paper and other craft supplies
- Slide-rules for math
- Clocks in the center rooms
- Balls (soft balls, soccer balls, basket balls etc.)
- Clothes and shoes for the children



- Ladles for the kitchen
- School bags
- Projector/beamer

### **Donation Account**

Deutsch-Namibische Gesellschaft e.V.  
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Bank code: 300 800 00  
Bank: Commerzbank AG  
Usage: Projektname [UNCSO/Usakos]

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Savings account:  
First National Bank; Branch Karibib  
Branch code: 281073  
Account no. 62124732258  
SWIFT;BIC: FIRNNANX

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