

3. Term 2015



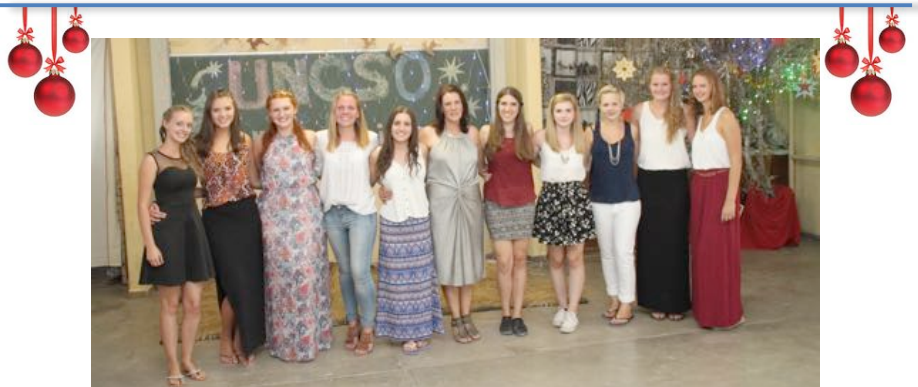
December 2015

Newsletter

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Greeting



I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our donors and supporters for their assistance during this year. During this time of the year we are reminded of our blessings we received throughout the year. Special thanks to all volunteers and families for their commitment and hard work. Our vision is to serve the children of Usakos, a small town in Namibia; because they are the foundation of our community. May God bless all?

**We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A PROSPEROUS 2016!**

Yours Marianne Izaaks and Ingrid Pfannkuchen

1. Center Work



We want to give the kids a nice time in the center and a timeout from their everyday life. They get a daily warm meal, our support and affection.

We help them with their daily schoolwork and their education. In addition to that they get our attention and we try to empower them. With our activities like arts and crafts, music, drama and sports we try to discover their strengths and show them their talents. Besides we encourage them when something goes wrong.

We are involving, counselling and supporting the kids and their families.



2. Special Events

Prize Giving

On the 16th October we attended the Prize Giving of the Eilfas Goseb Primary School, where the young learners got prizes for their good marks and achievements. The program also contained beautiful cultural performances and speeches. We are all very proud of Johanna, Pomwene, Martha, Richard, Andreas and Hilaria who received one or more certificates.



Model Pageant

On the 30th of October, the Elifas Goseb primary school organized the annual model contest. Due to the large amount of donations we received, we could afford the participation of every child for this event and a little snack from us volunteers.



Farewell Grade 7

Due to their last few weeks in the center caused by their change of school, we invited Grade 7 to have a nice dinner in Usakos with us. This also was only possible because of the large amount of donations.



We said goodbye to Jacob, Chaminda, Cherolda, Jenny, Chantell and Amor.

Christmas Event

On the 13th of November, the long desired Christmas event took place. All the parents and guests were inspired by the performance of our Christmas play. In addition to that the kids got their presents from Santa Clause and their eyes were sparkling like the Christmas star. After the big-shared dinner, the families got their food packages.

All in all we can say that our big and time-consuming effort in advance has been worth it – the party was a success.





3. House visits



Very special for us were the house visits, which we had two times this term. We got the possibility to get to know the domestic circumstances of our kids, to ask questions directly and to get to know about the different problems of the children and their families at home.

4. Projects



During the house visits at the families we recognized that some houses had broken roofs and that some of the children had to sleep on the ground or without a mattress. So we bought roof plates, beds and mattresses for some kids.

Furthermore, the donations made it possible to buy new tables for the center. In addition to that, a volunteer brought a few Laptops from Germany, which will be used to support the children in their process of learning.

The large amount of donations we collected also allows UNCSO to realise more necessary projects, especially after our time in Usakos.



5. Visitors



On the 13th of October *Frauke Justen*, a previous volunteer, and her husband *Martin* stopped by for a short visit. Some of the kids still remembered her. We welcomed them with some songs. The two of them brought a backpack of clothes from Germany. Many clothes fit the older center kids, so that they were able to use them straight away. On the 14th the couple said goodbye and gave out some sweets.

Ingrid Pfannkuchen started her annual visit on the 14th of October. The kids know her and welcomed her warmly with the UNCSO –welcome-song. ‘Oma Ingrid’ will be found most of the time in the stitching corner of the center to do some needlework for the kids as well as sewing some costumes for the annual Christmas party. She also attended the Price-giving on the 16th of October. We are all pleased with her attendance and the kids are looking forward to her next visit.

Laurenz Grüter arrived on the 16th of October and stayed in the project for two weeks. During this time he took over the two 3rd Graders *Rondiac* and *Michelle* in study time. The kids, especially the boys, were very excited about having a male volunteer in the center. *Laurenz* came as a guest but left the project as a volunteer.

On the 27th of October, *Helga Merkelbach*, a mother of a previous volunteer, visited the center for two days. She is an English teacher in Germany and has a lot of experience working with children. That is why she introduced a few new English songs to the kids. Her attendance was a pleasure for all of us.



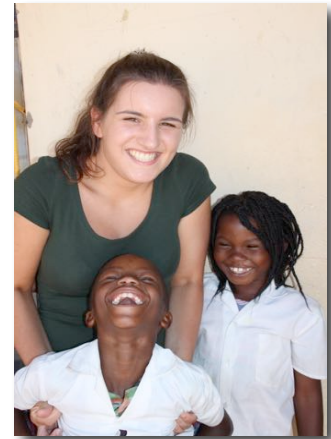
6. Volunteers



Leona Kemmer (19)
High school graduate
Heidelberg
31.08.15 – 27.02.16



Isabel Mann (22)
Bachelor in Finance
Dresden
12.09.15 – 25.11.15



Lena Birner (19)
High school graduate
Frankfurt am Main
01.09.15 – 25.11.15



Fiona Nagerski (18)
High school graduate
Osterode am Harz
01.09.15 – 31.03.16



Alisa Plümer (22)
Teacher studies
Osnabrück
31.08.15 – 25.11.15



Nicole Rolf (23)
Teacher studies
Bochum
01.09.15 – 25.11.15



Kira Fella (18)
High school graduate
Erlangen
01.09.15 – 01.03.16



Annika Schröder (24)
Teacher studies
Kiel
09.10.2015 – 25.11.15



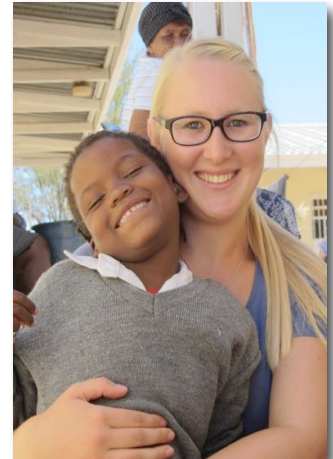
Michelle Dind (19)
High school graduate
Zürich
01.09.15 – 25.11.15



Meike Trenner (19)
High school graduate
Zürich
18.10.15 – 25.11.15



Simone Grässle (21)
Teacher studies
Göppingen
01.09.2015 – 09.10.15



Ann-Kristin Kühner (22)
Teacher studies
Argenbühl
01.09.15 – 09.10.15



Birke Trenner (22)
Teacher studies
Kiel
03.08.15 – 09.10.15



Melanie Baasch (21)
Teacher studies
Friedrichshafen
01.09.2015 – 09.10.15



Clara Neele Horstmann (23)
Teacher studies
Hannover
01.09.15 – 09.10.15

7. Donations



All volunteers of this term brought balls for the kids to play with. Furthermore we received a badminton set and frisbees.

We thank all the people that have donated to UNCSO and helped finance the care packages for 34 families, the Christmas presents as well as the Christmas event and the projects such as roof plates and beds with mattresses. Furthermore a big thank you to former volunteer Frauke, who brought clothes with her on her visit. The kids and volunteer really appreciate your effort and are very grateful.

8. Wishes for the future

- For printing worksheets and also for organisational processes, we are in need of ink for our printer HP 5525
- Also necessary are hygiene products, such as shampoo, soap, deodorant and caring lotion. In daily use are toothpastes and toothbrushes, but also rubber gloves, plaster and bandages.
- We would be very grateful for children's clothes, especially warm clothes for the winter.
- Besides, school utensils like glue, pairs of scissors, exercise books and other writing materials are used every day in both school and center.

To guarantee a long-term financial support for the project, permanent donators would be very desirable.

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Savings Account
First National Bank; Branch Karibib
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Account no. 62124732258
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**We would like to thank all the donators for their generous support.
A special thank goes to the families and friends of the volunteers.
Without the support it would not be possible to keep the project alive.**

