

1. Term 2016



Greetings

Content

We come to the end of our first quarter of 2016. The term started well with 16 new children and nine volunteers. During the term, the focus returned to the circumstances and living conditions of the children. Poverty and emotional needs of the children have attention. Volunteers' family and friends once again made it possible to provide food parcels for 40 families and also a bed and mattress to some children. The coming winter in mind, a warm blanket was also provided to some children. UNCISO would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have made contribution to make this possible. The children were also privileged to receive an Easter Bunny.

Thank you so much for your generous donation.

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

April 2016

— Marcel Proust

Changes

New Center kids

This year we welcome 16 new kids in the Center. From Grade 1 up to Grade 7.



Shaun – Grade 1



Piet – Grade 1



Colleen – Grade 2



Alencia – Grade 2



George – Grade 3



Jason – Grade 3



Matheus – Grade 3



Deotorius – Grade 3



Alexia – Grade 3



Christofine – Grade 4



Rosemary – Grade 6



Ivette – Grade 6



Engenesia – Grade 6



Elise – Grade 7



Zoleika – Grade 7



Correy – Grade 7

Previous Center Kids

As it was time for our previous grade seven kids to leave the center, we wish them all the best for their future. We had to say goodbye to the following kids:



Chaminda



Amor



Cherolda



Jennifer

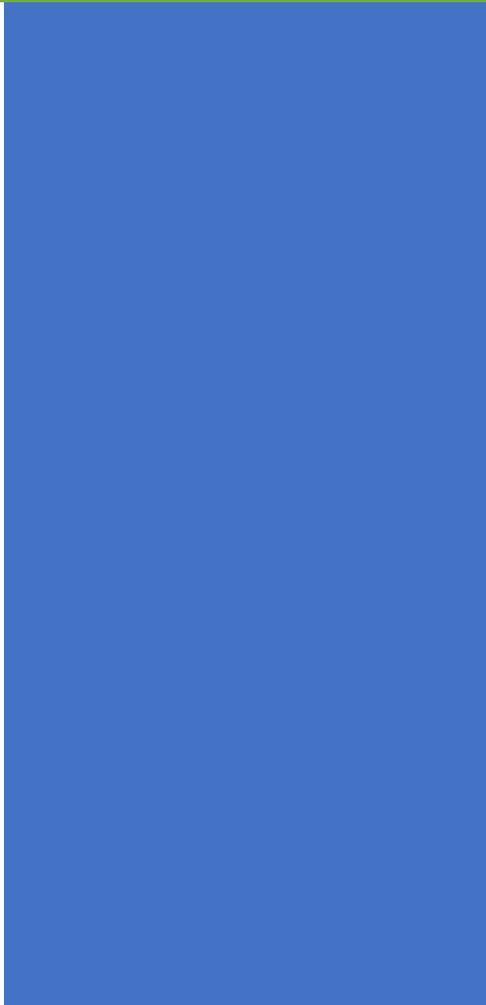


Jakob



Chantell

Center Day



The day at the center is built on four pillars. These are food, education, family and care. Before the kids arrive we prepare the rooms. The lunch is prepared by Auntie Petra. When the school is out the kids come to us, sing the prayer and start eating their meal. Afterwards we start with the toilet break and the tooth brushing. To get the kids motivated we are doing some exercises before we start with study-time. Every volunteer helps one grade with their homework and worksheets. We need a lot of patience and empathy for learning with them because sometimes they need a lot of motivation to get ahead with their work. After one hour we start with our activity-time. Either we are doing arts and crafts, sports, singing and cultural days, playing games or practicing for the parents-event which always takes place at the end of the term.

New School Uniform

UNCSO provides a whole school uniform to the children once a year. The school uniform is compulsory. This year everyone also got a school bag to carry their books and other school materials. It was a joyful moment for all the kids since some cannot afford it. Happy and very proud of their new school uniform the kids could start in the new term.



House Visits

The living conditions and wellbeing of the children are very important. Therefore, Marianne visits the houses of the children every term. The volunteers had the chance to ask questions, to get to know the living conditions of the children and to understand the child behavior better. The day to day problems the families struggle with were discussed and we could see where help is needed.



Projects

After the moving house visits all the need was visible. In this term we were very successful to gather donations from family and friends. The main project in this term was the building of three shacks for families who had not any home or were not able to live in the old housing situation anymore. The house building proceeded very successfully with all the support from parents and other community helpers.

The donations were used to make the life of the children much easier and more comfortable. Therefore, some kids were provided with a new bed, mattress and bedding.

One family was also assisted with water payment for a month. Food packages were also provided to 40 families.



Parents Event

At the end of each term the parents event takes place. Therefore, Marianne, the volunteers and children prepared a role play out of the bible story "Let the children come to me" with a lot of songs. The kids were very excited to present their parents what they have learned. At the evening, many guests were coming and everybody had a lot of fun. Furthermore, we enjoyed a nice meal together. Every family got a big food package out of the donations from the volunteers. The event was a great success.





Visitors

On the 9th of February in 2016 Mr Viaden and his wife, who are from Switzerland, visited the center. They have been supporting UNCSO for a long time through financial donations. The couple told us that they are coming almost every year and always enjoy to visit the projects they support. Thus, we got a slight impression of their love for Africa. To show them how grateful we are the children welcomed them with a few traditional songs and dances and of course with our UNCSO welcome song. The couple brought bananas for the children which we gave to them at the end of the day. The children were very happy about this donation.

In the week after the midterm break we had another visitor. Maike Trenner, a former volunteer from Switzerland who was working the project for six weeks during the last term of 2015, joined us on two days of the week at the center. Of course the kids were very happy to see Maike again and welcomed her nicely and with open arms. The children were very happy to spend some time with



her.

Volunteers

UNCESO was very happy to have nine volunteers on board, willing to lend a helping hand to children in Usakos



Fiona Nagerski (18)
Osterode am Harz
High School Graduate
01.09.15 – 20.03.16



Ina Schulz (21)
Nürnberg
Student of Social Work
25.02.16-22.04.16



Katrin Behrmann (22)
Osnabrück
Student Teacher for
Primary School
07.02.16 – 26.04.16



Leandra Kettig (22)
Bückeburg
Student of Information
Management
07.02.16-26.04.16



Leona Kemmer (19)
Heidelberg
High School Graduate
31.08.15-27.02.16



Svenja Strube (23)
Bad Segeberg
Occupational Therapist
14.01.16-10.04.16



Verena Siegel (24)
Paderborn
Trainee Teacher
20.01.16-10.04.16



Rebekka Diwiki (25)
Heilbronn
Student of Personal Management
19.01.16-10.04.16



Marie Wettach (19)
Rheinzabern
High School Graduate
14.01.16-10.04.16

Thank You

Now that we are at the end of our term we want to thank everyone who supported us with our work for UNCSO. Only because of the many donations we got we could help the families of the children to improve their living conditions and provide them with food packages. We would like to thank the donators who support UNCSO permanently, as well as the families and friends of the volunteers who were willing to support the work with donations.



Future Wishes

As the organisation UNCSO is only working on donations, we would wish for the future that we will still have such a great financial support so that we can buy food for the children, school material as well as hygiene materials such as toothpaste and plaster which are of daily use in the center. Only then we can keep the project running for many, many years.

The project is also living from the people who are ready to spend their time and energy on the work with the children on a voluntary basis. In this project a lot of helping hands are needed. Therefore, we also wish for the future that there will be many volunteers who are motivated to support UNCSO and send their applications to Marianne Izaaks (Namibia) and Ingrid Pfannkuchen (Germany)