

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings

The year 2017 is coming to an end. For the UNCSO a year with 365 days is way too short. This year was a Constance up and down. We build, played, danced and studied. Projects were started, finished and tossed away. We can look back on a very successful year 2017 for the children and their achievements.

We wish all supporters and donors and previous volunteers, their families and friends a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Volunteers



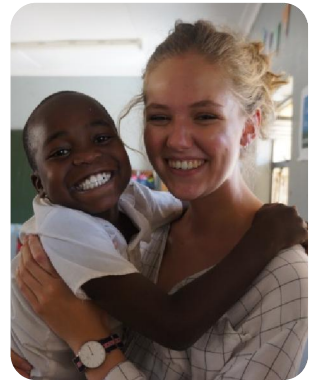
Lisa Burkard
24 Years
Secondary School
Teachers Student



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18 Years
Graduated School



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21 Years
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Sophie Massier
18 Years
Graduated School



Elina Piirto
28 Years
Special Education
Teacher



Carina Zick
23 Years
Social Worker Student



Annika Schur
21 Years
Educationmanagement
Student

House visits



During our third until our sixth week of this term we were able to visit the children's families in their homes. These visits took place during the schools hours so that we were able to talk with the parents quite honest. The parents got a notification about when the house visits would take place. All of the families which we met welcomed us open heartedly and we were never rejected by them. We were allowed to get to know the shacks of the children and their family connections. It was clearly visible which children have been receiving support from the UNSCO for a longer time and which children have not been in the center for so long.

The first thing we observed is the prepaid water system. Most of the children do not have running water and electricity in their shacks. The families have to go to water stations with their "waterstickies" to get water. Often times the problems is that the families do not have enough money to recharge their "waterstickies". An immediate need for action we saw in the houses where the children did not their own bed or an even a mattress. Some of the children already received a mattress from the UNCSCO before. One thing we noticed which is very positive is that the work of previous volunteers is clearly visible. Since the last term every child has a separated sleeping room. For us the house visits were key moments.

Through the houses visits the living circumstances of the children became more tangible for us and helped us to understand the children better. We observed that you can only help certain families and that a change in the way of thinking is only hard to achieve. Nevertheless we now know that these children are not allowed to be left without the support of the UNCSO.



Donations



A big drama! A little man who is very scared of the dentist but in the end he was brave enough to go through the entire procedure. The rotten teeth which were caused by the lacking dental hygiene were removed successfully. Jason's dental treatment already started in the last term, but could not be finished before the holidays started. Now he is finally able to eat everything he likes again.

This example showed us once more how important the daily tooth brushing is for the children in the center.

Jack is a former center kid. He always had big problems with his eyes. After leaving the center he went to high school where his problems got bigger. Because Jack only has his brothers and himself, all of them are known in the center, he asked Marianne and the UNCSO for help. Since there is no health insurance the doctor and the making of the glasses had to be paid privately. Because of the generous donations we received we were capable of giving Jack a clear view again.

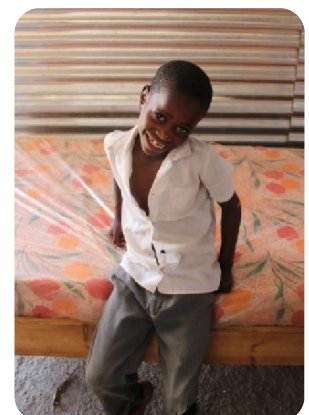




Paulus, David, Maria and Maneko (from left to right) are one of the families who needs and receives the most support from the UNCSO. At a very young age they are able to look after them and take care of each other. They are responsible for their own food and their hygiene and they have to clean their shacks by themselves. We were able to support them with ten kilograms of maismehl, so that they can cook porridge for themselves.

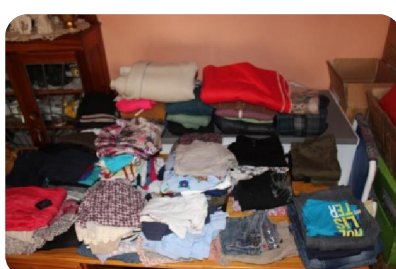
Fabianus, Taleni, Yvette, Engenecis, Deotoris, Richard, Paulus, Maria, David, Maneko, Ronial, Shaun and Richarge have received a new mattress this term. Furthermore we were capable of giving the kids new pillows and blankets. The old mattresses and beds were almost completely destroyed and did not do their job anymore.

Now thirteen kids can sleep well again.





This term the UNCSO received countless donations from Germany. We would like to thank all the donors: L. Kemmer, L. Kettig, K. Behrmann, S. Massier and A. Boldyreff, H. Schüle, M. Mezger and G. Micke. A special thank you goes out to the organization *Namibia Hilfe*, which is responsible for the transportation of the donations, and all the previous volunteers, who continue to support the project.

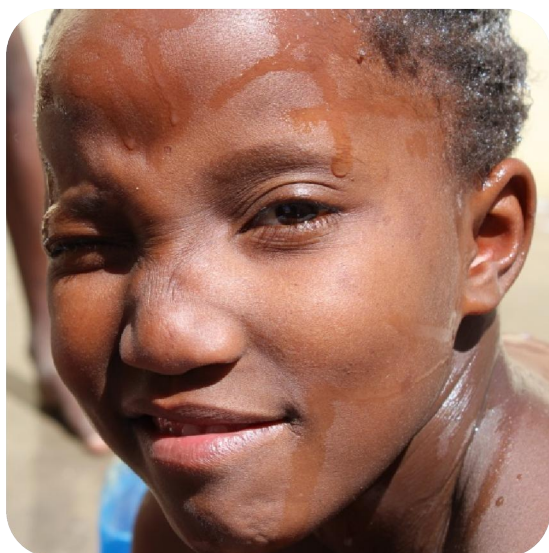


Due to the generous donations we were able to fill up the medicine cabinet of the center again. On an everyday basis we have to take care of the children's hands, feeds or knees. Often we are missing out on basic things like gloves, disinfection spray, plasters and compress. We are always glad about donations like that from Germany.



All of the "waterstickies" are charged with new money and ready for the next use. With the "waterstickies" the families who do not have running water in their shacks have the possibility to get water from the fountains. It is working like a pre-paid water system.

Hygiene Day



Washing, washing, washing. In this term we tried to do a washing day at least every two weeks. To wash 50 children is a project for the entire day. We start with taking a shower while washing the children's dirty clothes in the centers washing machine. The highlight for the children of each of those days is to use the body lotion. After that we cleaned their ears, cut their nails and use nail polish on the girls nails.

In addition to that we gave out hygiene packets to all of the children. These include a shampoo, shower gel, toothbrush and toothpaste, washing clop, pads and deodorants.

Preisverleihung



On the 20th of October this year was the annual price giving of the school. This year as many children out of the center as never before received a price for their scholar work. We congratulate the 17 children of the Elifas# Goseb Primary school and the Erongosig Primary school.

Through the study time our children receive a daily support with their school exercises and are encouraged to work individually. The increasing number of children who received a price is growing every year and shows the success of the study time.



Andreas, shown in the picture above, has received a special price for being a very hard working learner.



Grade 7 Farewell

This year six teenagers of the center are going to leave us. Glenda, Yvette, Rosemary, Engenecia, Taleni and Steven had mastered and survived the seven years of primary school. Now high school is calling for the most of them. We celebrated their graduation exclusively with them in the local restaurant.

We wish all six graduates just the best for their future!



Visitors

In this term we had visitors from our home country, Germany, who came to Usakos and visited the UNSCO. Lena, who spends the first term of this year in the center, came to support us for a week. The children were very excited to see their old volunteer again and she was a big help to us. Especially when preparing the Christmas party it was nice to have the support of another volunteer. The visits of previous volunteers clearly show that the project and the children are not just phase of our live but that you become part of the big UNSCO family.



Mr. Hornhues, of the foundation *Hornhues Stiftung pro Afrika* and Mr. Wellman, former principal, are supporters of the UNSCO and also visited us during this term. Mr. Hornhues already visited the UNSCO a couple of years ago and ever since then he is a welcomed visitor. Mr. Wellman will talk about the UNSCO on the radio on his private channel, when he is back in Germany.

The UNSCO and the kids love to welcome visitors in the center.

Christmas Party

Our biggest project this term was the preparation and performance of the annual Christmas party. To this party all of the children, their parents, the board members of the UNCSO and special guest were invited. We started with the preparations for our party weeks before. The kids studied a new Christmas play, countless songs and a dance. After all the hard work the kids were rewarded with Christmas presents, thanks to the generous donation. Later than all of the guests got self made food and cake for desert.

In the end of the evening all 35 families if the UNCSO could pick up food packets and write down their name in a list to get their “waterstickies” refilled.



River Party

We celebrated our last day in the center extensively. We played, danced, sang and ate. We had cool drinks, cakes and sweets for the children. The whole spectacle was taking place in the dry delta of the Khan river.

The children are waiting their big summer holiday and will then continue with the new school year of 2018.



Future wishes

The UNCSO cannot work without the help of the *deutsch-namibischen Gesellschaft*, regular donors, the work of the volunteers and the help of their families and friends.

In the future there will be new buildings needed for the UNCSO. For a long time there have been discussions about the expansion of the school. If this happens – it could happen any moment – the UNCSO has no rooms for the daily work in the center. The UNCSO has been looking for a matching property for their own center for a very long time now. It is very difficult to apply for a property.

In addition to that UNCSO has made plans for houses for the volunteers, bought a piece of property and building materials. The houses are supposed to be finished in the coming year, so that the volunteers can stay there during their stay here.

The center is in urgent need of new education material, like maths exercises from the first until the fourth grade, selectively in English or German so that the volunteers can make appropriate worksheets for the children. Just as we need reading books in English, so that the children can practice their reading skills.

To support the children contemporary we need more old computers / laptops as well as computer games with an educational background.

Furthermore we wish for countless internship applications for the UNCSO to Ingrid Pfannkuchen. Without the daily work of the volunteers the center can hardly exist in



Thank you

We thank all of the families and friends of the volunteers. Not only the volunteers are part of the big UNSCO family but also the donors and supporters.

You are the people who keep the project alive and give the children a better chance in their live.

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