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tlc Updates

Volunteers: In June we were blessed with many volunteers – people that spend their time and money to come and serve the Lord at Children of Zion Village. We continue to thank God for the blessing that they are to the village and to us. Katie, Makinsey, Jimmy, Danielle, Andrew and now Sam is here. We THANK YOU and praise God for touching your hearts to come to COZV!! You will continue to have a special place in our hearts!



WE GOT FASHION!!! Amazing what children will do with some clothes that were donated from the community. Then, add a little makeup and the clothes they already had!!! WOW!!! We all had a BLAST!!! To see more pictures, visit our website www.tlcinhisservice.org and click on the blog.



Mafuta Preschool comes to Zion: This month it was an awesome opportunity to invite the preschool class from the Mafuta feeding center to join the preschool and kindergarten class at Zion. Crafts, songs, education, games, snacks and even the formation of new friendships were taking place. We transported about 20 children here and there were about 10 from our class. Lots of energy is in those small bodies. They were most excited to actually be able to SEE the river where the fish live instead of just talking about it at school. We were mostly excited to share the love of Christ with these young souls.



A quick getaway for us: We went away with our friends for a long weekend and a time of relaxing and enjoyment. The 3 nights we were gone we stayed at a different lodge each night. Two nights we were in Zimbabwe and one in Botswana. We went to Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side. We had been to the falls on the Zambia side a couple of years ago but this was our first travel to Zimbabwe. The lodges were awesome and the experience of the falls was breathtaking. NO, we did NOT bungee jump from the bridge of the falls! We also visited a crocodile farm and had a restaurant experience with entertainment that we will never forget! Check out our big bibs below ☺ We are thankful the way God has united us with special people that have become special friends and that are also supportive of the ministry at Zion.

Vaccinations: It was the season for polio vaccinations in the Caprivi! It was even longer to wait at the hospital and clinics since many of the nurses were "on the road" administering vaccinations. We thought they forgot about us but one day they drove up with a megaphone announcing the arrival of the polio vaccinations for all children under the age of 15. So, we gathered our children under the big tree and everyone prepared their arms (or tried). We were thankful for the people that came to vaccinate our children from the back of their car!



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Namibian Sportsman visits Children of Zion Village.

During the 2011 regional youth basketball selection competitions we met a representative from the Namibian Basketball Federation, Rose Ssali. This year our friend Rose returned to visit us with the Ndeulipula Hamutumwa Trust. Ndeulipula is a currently a Board Member of the national Olympic Committee, has been Chef de Mission for Team Namibia several times culminating with the team that is representing the country at the London Olympic Games this summer. He is a product of sport, played basketball and served as president of the Namibian Basketball Federation and has a heart for the youth. The focus of the Trust is on all sports. After Rose shared about the mission and program at COZV, Deulipula saw that COZV and the Trust have common goals and wanted to explore the possibility of collaborative efforts that will enhance the work at COZV and give the Trust a starting point in the northern part of the Namibia. During Ndeulipula's speech to the children he emphasized the importance of education, education, education, education and sport! For those that are selected to participate in the Trust their academic performance will be continually evaluated. In addition to the donation of sports equipment, the Trust also planted two trees on the property to show the children that we are also responsible to be guardians of our environment.



Christian Educators Convention: At the end of May we made the long drive to Windhoek with our 6 teachers to attend the 25th anniversary of the Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum and the Educators conference. We were blessed with worship, music and the refreshment of meeting new Christians that are sharing the love of Christ through the same curriculum that we use at Zion. The only down side was the long drive and the freezing cold!! BUT, the blessings of the event and the safety of the long travel far outweighed those.



Our children that started schooling outside of Zion this year have been doing very well.

We are so proud of their adjustment and accomplishments. The method of teaching in the government schools is very different than here so they have to adjust to the teaching method, living in hostels, following different rules, eating different food and studying way more than they have had to do in the past. Based on the marks, they have shown they are adjusting well and accomplishing the tasks and tests. We awarded the top student/learner in each grade. For grade 8 there was a 3 way tie. **Congratulations** Maggie, Petro, Nicky, Dorothy, Jaku, Martin and Annia (not pictured). Dorothy was the highest scorer overall and above the next highest by 6 points!!!



In Africa, many people build fires to cook. Also, many start and control fire to clear the land. Sometimes, the fires are started on purpose and not controlled or sometimes the fire just gets out of hand. Well, we are not sure what happened but the fire was out of control and it was BIG. It was moving near our staff house and the village. If it would have crossed the road or even the small path below, it would have come back around into our village – starting from the garden. God kept us safe once again with a small foot path that He guarded from the fire. Many were working on managing the fire until midnight. Even the power pole was spared and you can see that it was certainly in the fire. The burning went further than we could even see standing in one place.



Praises:

- For our supporters over the last year and the coming year.
- For our families, friends, TMS, COZV board and churches who pray for us, support us and encourage us each day.
- For keeping us safe from the HUGE fire that came so close.

Prayers:

- For our children, our staff, and the community.
- For guidance and wisdom with many decisions we must make every day.
- For health and safety in an unsettled time.
- For each other in a new culture and challenging times.
- For preparation as we will be coming stateside for furlough this fall. For those we are leaving and those we are joining.

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