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tlc Updates

Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5

As we approach our **one year anniversary** of field service in Namibia, we are starting to reflect on our amazing adventure. After saying yes to God's call to missionary work, within 6 weeks we were clearly called by God to the Children of Zion Village to care for 59 children, work with 22 staff, many surrounding villages, the government, and the community. We knew we would want to create a website to share our adventures with our family, friends and supporters. Little did we know that people in 31 countries around the world would be following the first year of our missionary service to the Lord!



Short school break means squeaky sand and American hamburgers – at the request of the children we decided to take a walk to squeaky sand even though we were not sure what it was or where it was. So one morning we packed our lunches and beverages and started out. While in route someone said we used to come here on horseback – it isn't far! Well, after a couple of hours walking and at times not being sure we were going the right way, we reached our destination. It was well worth the walk - beautiful - and the sand was squeaky with each step!



After a short rest break we played in the squeaky sand, ate our lunch, played in the water then started our long walk back. Later in the week we enjoyed an American lunch of hamburgers, chips (donated by Discount – a local store), and beans. YUMMY!!!



Discount, a large merchandiser in South Africa is increasing its presence in Katima Mulilo. One of the employees has recently provided donations of soup mixes and snacks (various chips) and drink mix. We are thankful that God continues to put generous people in our path!!!

RWD arrives – the team from **Real Way Down** reached us this month. Their objective was to capture a day in the life of COZV. They filmed at COZV and at Mafuta. The team is driving from London to South Africa to raise awareness for 22 charities in 22 countries in 22 weeks. At the end of the journey each charity will receive a promotional video to post on their website. To learn more about RWD travels go to www.realwaydown.com.



MTC (Mobile Telecommunications Limited) Donation – COZV was included as one of 8 recipients of a very generous one time donation. We traveled to MTC headquarters in Windhoek on Sept 5 to be at the presentation on Sept 6. MTC is the leading cell service provider in Namibia.



This trip also allowed us to take one of our learners back to his school in Windhoek. It was our first visit to his school and we got to meet a few of his roommates. The school is nice and he is doing well.



Mission Network News interview - on September 16 we had the chance to share for a few minutes with listeners on MNN about the work at COZV. We are not sure when the final version of the interview will be available

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Epiphany Transition home occupied – there are now 12 students and 2 house parents residing in the Epiphany home. This is truly a learning process for everyone involved – the children, house parents and management of the village. This is a very big change at Zion so we are going through some "growing pains" as we make mistakes and learn. We pray that these children will continue to love the Lord and make good decisions as they go.



New water tank project continues – the new water tower and water tank have been installed by our friends at 2M Civils. The remaining piece of the puzzle is the pressure switch. Once the switch is installed it will allow the water pressure of the village to be at a constant level without daily human intervention (for us going across each morning at 5:45am to turn on the pump). For now, by afternoon when we turn on the water – umm – nothing. Be sure to take your shower in the morning or hang out with those that did the same as you!



Veggies from the COZV garden to people in need – When we arrived the garden was overgrown and in need of much work. After several major projects were completed attention returned to the garden. We can now reduce the amount of vegetables we are buying for the children because God is providing in our own garden. Despite losing our first round of corn to a hard frost we started enjoying chamolla in our home and the children's home. Two types of cabbage and onions are currently being harvested. Tomatoes, bananas, mangos and pumpkins will be next. We will include potatoes and beans in the garden next year. We took a load of cabbage and onions to villages about 20 kilometers west of Katima to sell. These villages are just far enough from town that getting into town often is a challenge. We were well received and through all the bartering I think everyone walk away with "relish" for the next couple of meals. Relish is what you cook and have as a side dish with your pap. It could be meat, chicken, fish or vegetables. God is providing an abundance of food for our village so we can spread HIS love by sharing veggies with others!



Clouds, rain, ants and flies– after months of no rain the weather is starting to turn hot. While walking around the children's home one evening with Liseli (the baby) and pointing out things in nature, I looked up and saw clouds realizing at that point that it has been months since clouds had been in the sky. Later in the week we noticed ants, spiders and billions of flies. We definitely enjoyed the break from these little creatures. Guess other bugs are not too far behind.

Lorna and the classroom. Lorna has started teaching the younger class (what would be equivalent to your 1st and 2nd grades) two mornings a week. So, Tuesday and Thursday she starts at the school at 6:50 and comes back for lunch at 1:00. This is not because there was spare time but because there was a need.



Day of the Namibian Child. Our children were invited for the first time to sing/dance at the Day of the Namibian Child celebration at the Katima Sports Complex. We transported them first thing in the morning and they were AWESOME when they stepped up to perform. We were proud and we were blessed. The Day of the Namibian Child brings attention to the situation in which children in Namibia live. The celebration, according to the Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Welfare provides an opportunity for people to remember children who have been in difficult circumstances due to ill treatment, kids that have died due to lack of care and those that had no opportunities to raise their voice on education, health services and other care entitled to children.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

What's next? Prayers and Praises:

October 2 – Attend the Mafwe Cultural Festival with some of the children.

October 11th 2011 – Our one year anniversary at Children of Zion Village.

October 12th – Try to set up a meeting with the governor about our work visa.

October 12th – We leave for Thailand for our Regional Gathering with The Mission Society.

October 19th – Lorna celebrates her birthday in Thailand.

October 26th – God willing we will return to the country of Namibia.

We thank God for YOU! Your encouragement, financial support, prayers and love!!!