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tlc Updates

The Lord will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:7, 8

Prayers answered, thank you to all of you that are continually praying for us. One of the specific prayer requests we have had was about our work permits...**praise the Lord that our work permits were approved for 2 years.** Our passports are currently in Windhoek to get the work permit endorsement. We are pointing to the ONE that blesses us with opportunities and privileges to serve in Namibia.



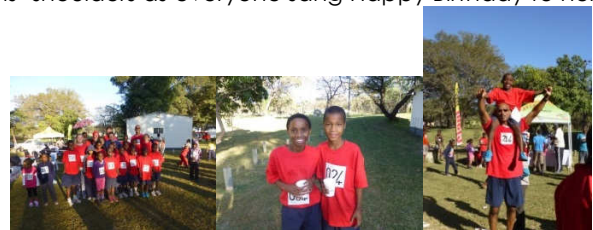
The Ebners and Rebecca arrive. On June 17 we were blessed to have our ministry partners, Lena and Johannes Ebner, and a volunteer, Rebecca Westbrooks, join us at Children of Zion Village. Lena served previously at COZV for 6 six months and Johannes for 6 weeks. The Ebners have made a long term commitment for service to the Lord and that service is continuing at COZV. Rebecca is planning to be at COZV for 6 months. Rebecca is already working with the two youngest aged classes at the school. We love to have them serving along side us with God leading the way.



The theme for the 2013 **Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) Convention** was '**Stay the Course**'. Given the various experiences we have had over the last 2.5 years it was a timely message about not just educating the youth but life in general. Don't quit and if you are on the path where God wants you, do not leave for something that seems bigger (more money) but stay where God will bring you riches that do not compare. Our 8 teachers and Rebecca joined us for the 15 hour road trip and convention.



COZV champions. Zion athletes, young and old, had the chance to show off their skills at a fund raising event for the Zambezi Private School. For 4 weeks prior to the event we enjoyed training with the children on our dirt (sand) road. Praise the Lord that all the COZV runners were sponsored by a local business man (friend). The young COZV champions included **Elisa winning 1st place** and Gideon winning 3rd place in their categories. The young adult COZV champion was Rebecca Westbrooks winning 2nd place in the female 10k Open Category, and the oldest COZV champions were Travis Curry winning 2nd place in the male over 50 Category and **Lorna Winner Curry winning 1st place** in the female over 50 Category (OK, let's be honest. No one else was smart enough to run in the over 50 with Lorna!). The event also provided the opportunity for Whistle the clown to make a return trip to Katima Mulilo. What a great day for Maria who was also celebrating her 8th birthday!!! She sat proudly on Travis' shoulders as everyone sang Happy Birthday to her.



COZV was invited to the **Zambezi Vocational Training Center Open Day** event. The event was organized to showcase the training available at the center. Invitees included local schools and business owners. Schools were invited to bring 2 learners so we took one girl and one boy. Maybe there will be an interest in continuing education in learning a trade if the child does not make it into the university. In addition to hearing a message from the governor, touring the facilities and seeing of the handy work of the students, we were treated to a 3 course gourmet meal prepared by the students. We were seated with staff from the Protea Hotel and they agreed that the food was first class. We also learned of growth plans for Katima Mulilo which includes a small and medium enterprise business zone to be developed near the Training Center and a new shopping center by a developer from South Africa. There is currently much activity in Katima Mulilo to include paving of all major roads and construction of new buildings.



TLC Updates continued

We recently started a **program to allow the children to plan, purchase and prepare food for a Saturday evening meal.** They formed 4 teams and each team drafted some menu options that we review with them. Their first choice was burgers, fries, plums and birthday cake. We were hoping for some traditional food from the Caprivi region but maybe that will come later. After the food has been prepared the team has to serve everyone and clean up. We plan to include some kind of presentation by the teams as well, perhaps a song, Bible verse, drama, or just a time of sharing.



We have been blessed with donations of paint, clothes and money organized by **Mount Zion Ministries based in Okahandja, Namibia.** Several people from the ministry came to COZV last year as part of a prayer team. Since then they have taken COZV as a special focus of their ministry. The team is planning a return visit to COZV during August.

With our former volunteer housing becoming our first family style home and a team planning to come in August a **construction project was initiated** to add showers, toilets and wash facilities to the transition house so that it could **better serve the needs of volunteer teams.** The work crews from **2M Civils** have done excellent work on the new extension. With the work nearing its end, Michael (owner of 2M Civils) instructed his team to give the older portion of the building a facelift by repairing the plumbing, painting and cleaning. Since Mount Zion Ministries donated the supplies Michael said he would donate the labor. God provides in EVERY way!!!



We were invited to the Mombela Village to join in the celebration of a Red Cross pilot project – a house on stilts. The project is part of a **Red Cross initiative to try to identify viable housing options for people that live in flood prone areas.** This is one of 10 projects in the Imakusi area. The Red Cross team members were from Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Spain. It was a wonderful celebration of team which included refreshments and dancing.



Praises:

- Namibian work permit approved for another 2 years!!!!!!!
- For the way God is moving in the community to bring them to Zion with donations and invitations for various celebrations!!!
- For the healing of Manyando, our youngest twin, who was sick in the hospital!!
- For the safe arrival of Lena, Johannes and Rebecca!!!

Prayers:

- For wisdom in planning for the five year vision for Children of Zion Village – the building of family style homes, a church, the growth of the school, a playground, and sports grounds.
- For wisdom in raising the children especially with their high expectations of money and stuff.
- For our staff that they would live and lead the children as an example of Christ.
- For the PSA level for Travis to go down!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who are partners with us here in Namibia!! We cannot be here without you and we appreciate you and your support and we thank God for YOU!!!! You are awesome and you are loved!!!



I constantly remember you in my prayers. ...I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 2 Timothy 1:3b, 4

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Because of HIM Travis and Lorna Curry (TLC)