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I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. Acts 20:24

House mudding – for all of you ladies that enjoyed playing in the mud as children, here is a way to enjoy that experience again. The ladies from Zion walked to a local village to assist with the mudding of a traditional house. The mudding process took several days which provided the ladies on the Mount Zion UMC team to enjoy the experience and hard work also. First the men build the frame. Next the ladies and children gather termite mounds to mix with water. That is what becomes the mud. There are 3 layers. The first layer is made of big balls of mud. The next one is the favorite – you sling the mud onto the existing mud and also fill in the holes. The last layer is called “washing the house.” That is when the mud is very thin and you use your hands to kind of paint or wash the house. It gives the outside a beautiful smooth finish compared to the roughness you see in the pictures of the first layer. These termite mounds make the house quite waterproof and when the mud dries, it is like concrete! The only thing to worry about is the next thousands of termites that will eat the wood poles and frame and then the house will begin to fall.



Mount Zion Ministries team – returned to COZV on 14 August. We were blessed to reconnect with team members from their visit last year and meet some new members from the ministry team. In addition to spending time with us at COZV and sharing a meal and fellowship at the Bistro in town, the team also dropped off many donated items that they had collected on behalf of Children of Zion Village. Members of the team are **from all over Namibia and some are even from South Africa**. One of the donations which is being used immediately was paint. Our staff painted the inside of the volunteer house and the end until will soon become a meeting place for staff for **adult Bible studies and prayer**. This will be a new and exciting time in this village. Because God has placed Children of Zion Village on their hearts they are reaching out to donors that we would not have reached on our own. May the Lord continue to bless the activities of these mighty warriors.



End of second school term – 16 August marked the final date of the second school term. There was a school assembly with songs and Travis led the closing devotion. Games, songs and dancing was enjoyed. During the assembly the learners were recognized for their academic achievements accomplished throughout the term. Yes, assemble is held outside on the “basketball court.” End of school term is also a time that we are on the road again to retrieve our older children from the 4 schools they attend on the area. Despite it being a very busy and hectic time all of the transport was accomplished safely and without any vehicle issues.



Mount Zion UMC team – a team of 7 from the founding church for Children of Zion Village arrived on 17 August. The team included several returning volunteers and a few new ones. The team was enthusiastic and energetic with specific plans for VBS and general plans to be as helpful as possible during their brief time here. The VBS was very successful and seemed to be enjoyed by many. Each day there were many children from a local village joining our children. Due to challenges with vehicles and lack of needed materials at our three hardware stores there was limited success with other plans. This allowed the team more time for building relationships with the children and staff. Litumezi ahulu (Silozi meaning “Thank you very much from all of us”) Mount Zion UMC team.



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Sad travel – just as the Mount Zion UMC team arrived we got a communication informing us of a concern in our family and the following day we received a call that our sister-in-law went home to be with the Lord. We immediately scrambled and got a flight the next day to go back and support to the family during a very tough period. While the trip was rushed and tiring it was a pleasure to be with family and friends for a brief period. It was a pleasure to see the large number of people that attended the **Celebration of Life Ceremony for Regina Girio Winner**. It was a reminder of what a wonderful wife, mother, teacher and friend she was. She will be missed most of all by her loving husband and 3 lovely children, please continue to lift them up in your prayers through this season of grieving and transition.



2013 Regional SDA camp – several thousand members of the regional Seventh Day Adventists church gathered at the SDA Campground for two weeks of fellowship and worship. Since the campground is next to Zion and the children were out of school we had many visitors to Zion. Some of the visitors included youth and youth leaders from the SDA youth camp that was on Zion property earlier this year. Other visitors included family of staff members. During the two week camp we are greeted by worship music starting at 6am daily, various speakers throughout the day and the days ended with worship services that may go late into the night.

Race around the World – Each year there is a fund raising event to help support a special project going on at Children of Zion Village. This year the event will help to start a new family style home for the next group of children. We are moving away from the "hostel/dormitory" setting to try to improve the life style and raising of the children. This year the children "raced" or walked or were carried on August 23rd. If you want to pledge to a child and the number of laps he or she completed contact: race@childrenofzionvillage.org to sign-up or for questions. The goal is \$25,000. A Big THANK YOU goes out to **Courtney West** for organizing the race stateside!! You are awesome!

A BIG thank you to **Judy Lenehan** for creating a new banner for Children of Zion Village! We love you Judy!!!!



Visas, toothaches, bee hives and car repairs: during the week of 9 September we travelled to Windhoek to address a variety of items. The first stop was at the Ghana High Commission to apply for a visa. When the clerk learned that we are Christian workers traveling to a missions conference he quoted several bible scriptures and we had a brief but glorious exchange on Christ. The next stop was for a dentist appointment to address a nagging problem with a molar. Upon arrival we found that the appointment had been made for 10 Oct not 10 Sept. The wonderful staff worked Travis in. That appointment resulted in the need for a follow-up 2 days later and again there was only one open appointment. So Travis returned on Thursday morning for an emergency root canal. While in Windhoek we received an e-mail that someone had tried unsuccessfully to reach us in Katima. It seems that a local Christian radio station played our testimony at an unscheduled time. The interview was schedule to air in October around the same time as an article is to be published in Joy magazine. Well at least one person heard the interview and wanted to help. But the contact information in the interview was not correct. After several text messages we learn that the individual lived in Windhoek so we arranged a meeting. Direck and his wife are head of Crown Financial Namibia. Direck started by sharing about materials to help children learn about God's plan for financial management. Then he introduced us to the "lazy mans" business – bees and honey. Honey and beeswax are in high demand. He offered to provide us with 3 beehives and also to purchase the honey and beeswax when they are harvested. There are only 2 harvests per year but the size of the hives yield a large amount of honey and beeswax. Once the process works at Zion we can introduce it to surrounding villages and become a distribution point as well as a producer. This opportunity is very appealing as it helps Zion move toward more financial independence and may even give some children a viable business to take back to their villages. Since we have returned to COZV we have received another enquiry from a civil engineer that is interested in volunteering on weekends at Zion – we are sure he probably heard the same "unscheduled" testimony interview. Finally we had an appointment to have our bakkie (pickup) serviced. When the receptionist learned we were from Zion Village she was visibly moved. She then shared with us that she is new in her walk with the Lord and this is twice in the week that she has seen a reference to Zion. She said that she would pray about what God wants her to do. The drive to Windhoek is about 12 hours of long boring road, but God had many blessings in store for us during our time there!

CONGRATULATIONS to Martin and Jacob who won 1st place in an academic competition for the region!!!! They will be traveling this week to Windhoek to compete!!! We are proud of you both!!!!

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Spring Fair: On Saturday September 14 we loaded the children in the cars and took them to Katima Farms for the "Bezi River Spring Fair". It is a beautiful setting by the river. At first we were concerned there were not really activities for the children. But, they found themselves having a blast. There was a bouncy castle complete with water, face painting and a playground. There was also a pool but once we determined they were not very good at swimming, they were restricted from the pool.



Dates	Activity
21 Sept	Ian and Dorothy Fritz to visit COZV
22 Sept – 7 Oct	TLC travel to Ghana for the Ghana 2013 Global Missions Consultation and The Mission Society Regional Leadership Team Meeting for Africa
10 Oct – 17 Oct	The Mission Society members to visit COZV
4 Nov – 7 Nov	TLC travels to Zimbabwe for Christian Health Network event
15 Nov	COZV Mission School celebration at LA Hall in Katima Mulilo
22 Nov – 29 Nov	Westbrook family to visit COZV
27 Nov	COZV Mission School Field Day
29 Nov	Last day for COZV Mission School
3 Dec	Last day for Namibia government schools*
5 Dec – 6 Dec	COZV Staff Spiritual Retreat
6 Dec	COZV Staff Christmas Party
12 Jan 2014	COZV Children's Christmas Party*
16 Jan 2014	COZV Mission School Opening Day
14 Jan 2014	Namibia government schools hostels open
16 Jan – 10 Feb	TLC travel to US for The Mission Society Global Gathering and 30 th anniversary celebration, Norcross First UMC (our home church) 10 th anniversary Global Impact Celebration and family visits

* Between the close of school and the children's Christmas party we will be transporting children locally and to and from the Western Caprivi. Praise the Lord that we now have the Ebners to assist with the transport as well as other things.

Thank you for your prayers, financial support and encouragement! We are here because of God's call and you are our precious partners with God leading the way!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:2, 3

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