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## tlc Updates

**1 Corinthians 2:9** *No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.*

**Visit to the chicken farm.** We took one of our school classes to the chicken farm nearby. It is in the same village where Zion supplies food for orphans at the school. We learned about the babies that come from Zambia, the meat birds and the egg laying birds. It was fun and all very interesting. At the end of the time we bought eggs for Zion. The cost was N\$45 for 30 eggs..... In other words about 4.00 US for 30 eggs. And they are certainly very fresh! Just picked up from the chicken that day!



**Visit from Mafuta Preschool class of 47 children.** Every year we bring the Preschool from Mafuta (the feeding center where Zion provides food and buys eggs from the chicken farm) to Zion. It is a special time to join our preschool of about 12 with their preschool of 47!!! We were so proud of some of our little ones that memorized a short Bible verse or can tell every color!!! Most of these children are 3 years old. We sang songs, danced, prayed, did a craft, had a snack of an orange and a hardboiled egg, went out by the river and learned about where the fish live. It was a joyous time of fun and learning!



**Visit from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Gender and Child Equality from Windhoek** We had one week of being busy with unexpected visitors. First the Ministry of Health came for an unexpected inspection. As most inspections, there are things we are doing very well and areas we can improve. Then the next day we had an unexpected visit from Ministry of Gender and Child Equality from Windhoek. We had great discussions where they asked questions and we also had the opportunity to raise concerns. Then the Ministry of Health came back and donated mosquito nets for all the children and also backpacks for the children that are schooling outside of Zion (grades 8 – 12)

**Swimming----** **It is HOT!!!** Now is the time of year when the ongoing question is "Can we go swimming?" It is very hot – between 90 – 100+ each day. The nights are still cooling down a bit but not for long. So, it is hard to turn down a swimming request. The only challenge is that the pool is not opened because of construction. So, we at least have an option to swim in the river which is still a bit cold. There is a place we walk that is very shallow so we can see the bottom and even the little ones can "swim" with supervision. They always have a blast so we just smile with God's provision of such a simple thing.



**Cheshire Home** is a school and home nearby us for children with disabilities. The Sister in charge there is from Poland and has been there since the start. She started it by selling small bags of ice for .50 (which in US terms is .05). It was amazing to hear the children sing and hear from 2 that were graduates and how successful they are. They gave very encouraging words for the ones that are still in school there. It was a blessing to be invited!



**Peace Corps Jason** comes once a week to have exercise class with some of the school classes, teach hand hygiene, play games and help the teachers. He is full of energy and very nice so he has really been a blessing. We hope to see him for the next two years as that is his "contract" with the Peace Corps.



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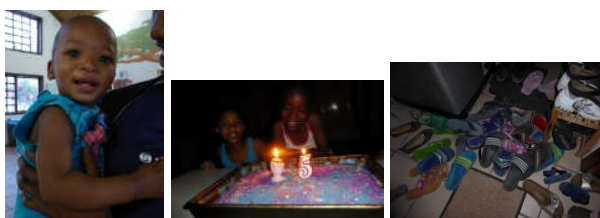
**Last School Term** The Zion Mission school children are in their last term for the year. It is a blessing to see them all line up for assembly and sing and listen to the word of God, pray and sing the National Anthem and say the pledges. They are already beginning to prepare for end of school celebration which will be on November 27. We are going to include the play of the Christmas story.



**Taking turns cooking a Mama's house.** The children, especially the little ones, love to come to Mama and Papa's house! They like to watch DVD's and play with the toys. AND, if I am cooking, ah, they want to "help". So I just try to encourage them and they have to take turns stirring or mixing. It is fun even though more messy☺



**Baby General Sebastian gets his first haircut.** General turned one in August. Even before that he was walking. He had a LOT of hair, even more than his older sister. But, here they did not want to cut it because it was winter. Finally when the weather started to turn warm in September, he got his first haircut! He is SO CUTE!!! He is also a joy because he is so happy!!! Liseli celebrated her 5th birthday. She loves cake and she loves attention so she was very happy that the cake was for her and she got to blow out the candles!!!! AND, this is how a person would know that there are a lot of children in our house. At the door way, there are a lot of shoes!!!! We are BLESSED!!!!



### Praises

- For this place called Zion where God has called us and all the children, staff and community.
- For good health and safety.
- For the volunteers at Mafuta feeding center and the food that Zion can provide for the children.
- For the Cheshire Home and the work that is being done there and the opportunity for challenged children that would typically be hidden in this type of culture.
- For the end of school exams and that the children will do well. We have 2 that will graduate grade 12 and pray they will succeed to go onto university.
- For our family support and encouragement, for friends, our home team, prayer team, our sponsors, all the giving churches.
- October 12 is our 5 year anniversary at Zion Village!!!!!! We are so blessed!!!!

### Prayer Requests

- For wisdom for us with the children and also the way forward for Zion. There have only been 5 children placed in the past five years but more are moving on/ graduating.
- For Godly house mothers for a potential new family style home.
- For everyone as the temperatures rise. It is now very hot. The rains have not yet started.
- For us and our ministry partners, the Ebners, as we travel out of country to attend our Missions Regional Gathering October 3. For safe travel, good health, and for COZV that we left them with empowerment to do well in our absence. That all here would also stay healthy.

**Proverbs 3:5** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.*

