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tlc Updates

We started a tradition that seems to be really enjoyed by the staff at Zion and we are so thankful. Two times a year we do a **"Spiritual Retreat"** for our staff. It started as a half day event. Then we were asked to extend it to a full day. Then we were asked to extend it again. So, it has been one and a half days but this time it was about 2 days with the second half day ending with showing the Jesus film. We do the retreat 2 times a year during the holiday for children so that the staff is more available and we hire a "sitter" for the 4 little ones.

This time the theme was "Living Water." John 4:14 says **"but whoever drinks the water I give Him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

There was prayer, songs of praise, speakers and activities and food! Some staff even shared their testimonies.



Staff was given challenges to carry the "Living Water" to others. Even with challenges, God asks us to go and proclaim His Word to all the nations. Don't let anything or anyone hold you back. If you spill too much water, some might never hear or know.



God has asked us to get into the water. Step out in faith. He is calling us to "get our feet wet." Then when we are in the water, He wants us to continue to go deeper. Go deeper in our faith, in our trust, in our knowledge and our belief. It will get harder but God will never leave us or forsake us

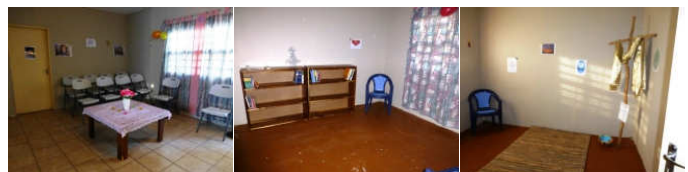


Never give up! Don't let Satan get in your way or slow you down, hold you back or discourage you. Stick together with others of the faith and encourage each other. Hold on to God and He will hold on to you and see you through!



Revelation 22:1-2 **Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.**

Prayer Room: The volunteer house has 3 units but we are only using 2 units (male and female) for volunteers so there was an empty unit. After some discussion with staff, there was an interest expressed to have a prayer room and a place we could meet to teach the gospel and worship with staff. So, we decided to use the empty unit. We ordered a few tables and a couple of small book shelves from the local wood builder in town. Then we bought some chairs and a couple of traditional mats for the floor for sitting. Our friend donated some nice window curtains and we made and laminated some verses and pictures for the walls. Then we had a vote for the name. The official name, voted by staff is: House of Prayer. On the day of our spiritual retreat, we had the official opening celebration and prayed over the place. We pray that many will be interested to learn, pray and read the books from the small library. **If anyone would like to send any books that we can put in this Christian library, we would appreciate the donation!**



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Snakes: We have been blessed with safety from the snakes that seem to be around more this month. In one week, we killed 3 snakes: one that came inside the house when the door was left open for 1 minute, one that was next to the door outside and one that was crossing the path on the side of our house. The small dog brought my attention to the big snake that was coming across the path where I was walking. Two of the 2 snakes were cobras and one was about 6 feet long! All ended well (for us, not the snakes) but we hope not to see any snakes for a long time!



Women's Police Association: Zion had the blessing of the Women's Police Association coming to visit and share in our church service. After the service, they talked to the children and presented gifts of water bottles, back packs and some clothes. The children prepared some songs to perform. They stayed to enjoy lunch with the children and left a blessing to be remembered.



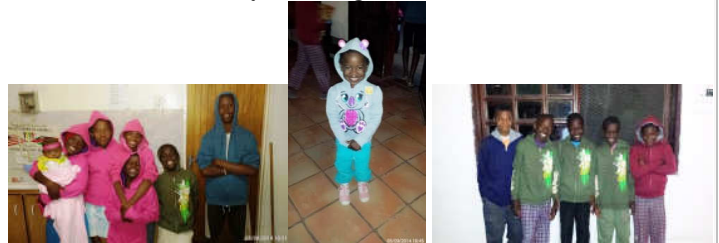
Workers Day: On May 1 it is a holiday in Namibia – Labor Day. So there was a big celebration in town. I honestly have never seen so many people in one place in this town. There were speeches and traditional dances. Everyone expected to see the president since elections are coming up and he is ending his term, but only the president elect showed, not the president.



Camp at Zion: The Seventh Day Adventist church that has come to Zion for youth camp in the past couple of years came again last month. There were about 300 youth campers and also adult youth leaders. Every night we were able to join them outside for the evening worship. The last day is very special with everyone in uniform and awards are presented.



THANK YOU EPHIPHANY UMC!!!!!! Epiphany UMC in Loveland Ohio faithfully sends the children gifts. This year they sent hooded sweatshirts at just the right time for the cold season!



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!

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
Ephesians 5:1

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