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tlc Updates

A big change at Zion this month was the first family style home opening. Everyone has worked hard to prepare and it is a big shift for the staff and children. We are starting with a building already in existence and will build more as God provides. If you have been here as a volunteer, the East House where you stayed, is now filled with 7 lovely and lively small boys! They are living with a house parent(s). There are two ladies to start. To prepare the guys knocked out a wall (which I think they enjoyed getting out their frustrations on the concrete!) Then some painting was needed and furniture was moved.



The small boys helped to clean an area that will be plowed to be their garden. The boys will learn how to clear, plow, plant and harvest. Skills everyone must know in Africa. We bought (per request) **intestines and lung** from the cow. The ladies cleaned them and the boys gathered fire wood. Now, this meat must cook for hours over the fire. Then it is served with pap (maize meal). I have to say I was brave and sampled it and it was quite nice.



Whatever food is provided, we are thankful and we try to teach the children to **be thankful!!!** GOD IS GOOD!!! Please pray for the house parents and the boys that they will grow to love and know the Lord, they will be respectful, do well in school and learn how to live in Africa!



There were many **blessings of donations** in April and we are so thankful the **God sends people** to Zion and puts them in our path. A small team of 4 came **from South Africa** with donations of clothing for both the children and the staff. They told us there is more but they could

not carry it all. They were visiting many villages in Katima and we were one of many that were blessed but the generosity of others! Also, **Magasave** (a store we shop in at least one time per week for a BIG shopping list for Zion) gave a HUGE donation of Jiggies (similar to Cheetos in the states but in different flavors). They stuffed the car with HUGE bags that had probably 100 small bags per big bag. We had so many we were able to give each staff member a BIG bag of 100 small bags! Thank you God!!



On April 14 we were invited to come to a **BIG celebration at the BIG Apostolic church in town.** So we accepted the invitation and packed our children in both cars early in the morning to attend the church. The "Chief Apostle" from Cape Town was coming to **confirm 55 young people** into the church. The church was huge and they welcomed us. The music was amazing and the message (in both English and the local language) was inspiring. There was also communion. We were all blessed!! We WILL plan to attend again but maybe there will not be so many people since 8 congregations came together for this special ceremony. We thank God and Pray for these young people to continue in God's path!



Mid April ends the first school term in Namibia. We had a nice end of school celebration at Zion with Travis delivering a devotion of inspiration, singing from the children and Lorna handing out the 75 end of term school reports one by one by grade level and name.



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As soon as we finished the assembly, we headed out to pick up the **secondary school children** at the 4 different schools. The cars were really packed from floor to ceiling since they are coming for a month and need to bring everything with them. God was good and the cars held strong and we were all safe.

Return to villages for the 3 week holiday: Upon their return from school the children were washing clothes and packing and preparing for us to take them to their villages to stay with relatives. It is important that they understand where they came from and their culture and they build relationships with their relatives and find friends in their villages. It takes us at least 8 hours to transport them to many different areas and some to the far west of the Caprivi Strip. We always pray they will remember the Gospel and what they have been taught and make good decisions, stay safe and stay healthy while they are away. We still have 6 children remaining in the village – 3 older and 3 younger.

THREE of our boys were chosen to represent the Caprivi region for soccer for the under 17 league. Mwindi, Nawa and Djolo left 30 April to travel very far (2 days on a bus) to play in the Namibian Football Association (NFA). We pray for their safety, health and that they have a great time and meet some Godly people.



Baby Lorna Turns 2 years: A little hard to believe that it was 2 years ago that we took this young woman on the boat to get to the hospital to deliver her baby. During the flooding season, it is the only way to go. So, we also brought her and the baby back in the boat. At that time, she said the baby's name is "Lorna". Well, it was an honor and we continue to celebrate her birth in their nearby village. They really appreciate the small gifts and enjoyed watching her play with the ball with her sisters.



Praises:

- God's Blessings each day!
- For our families, prayer partners, financial supporters – individuals and churches, our home Church – NFUMC, New Life SS class, the Board for Zion, and The Mission Society.
- For the children, our staff and the community.



We know that God will continue to bless you as each of you has blessed us!!! Thank you for your prayers and financial support!!! Thank you for your encouragement and LOVE!!! We Love You!!!

God is always faithful even in our challenges. We sing of His praises and give Him the Glory! This is His ministry and His fruit. We thank Him for You and your partnership with Him in the ministry in Namibia where we have been called. We cannot be here without YOU!!! Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

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