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## tlc Updates

**Merry Christmas from our family to yours!** Flowers are blooming,



grass is growing, snakes crawling and God continues to bless us.



End of school year celebration on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Katima gets it first fast food establishment – The Hungry Lion (serving chicken).** A positive note for our growing town. Becca we are sure you are ready to come back now!

**And then there were 7...** On Dec 9<sup>th</sup> we started the process of returning the children to their extended families for the holidays. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we returned 15 children in the morning. In the afternoon we took 11 children to the hospital to get their meds refilled before their trips home. On the 10<sup>th</sup> we returned 5 children. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, thanks to assistance from the Ministry of Child Welfare and Gender Equality, we used a 12 passenger bus to return children to the western part of the Caprivi.



Dec 10 9:30 pm - Hippos in the river outside our house



**Our first Christmas in Africa** - The tree in the children's home is decorated. Each night a child reads a scripture verse and adds an ornament to the tree. It is full of beauty now.



The tree in our home is decorated and now it has 35 cards under it as our Christmas gifts. **Thanks to our Norcross Ga. Church family!!! What a blessing!!**



On Dec 17<sup>th</sup> we held our **first Christmas party** for the staff and children from the feeding center at Mafuta. About 100 attended. This included transport, games, songs, food and small gifts. God provides for each of our needs!!! The children (and adults) were all very grateful.



**The second party** was for our staff. We had homemade cookies (lots of them) and provided gifts of food (thanks to the supporting churches in the USA) in a "no problem bag."



Our **next party will be Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** with our children after they all return from their villages. This will be a big day of fun and excitement as they will receive their gifts and there will be worship, lots of food and fun!



