



# Children of Promise

Ministries Namibia

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*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and my load is not hard to carry."* ~ Matthew 11:28-30 (NETBible)

The holiday time of rest has been on us in Namibia, and as mentioned in the last monthly report the country became typically quiet during December. Well, except for the happening around CPMN. As predictable, December 2011 has been a time of transition and adjustment in the ministry as we prepare for 2012.

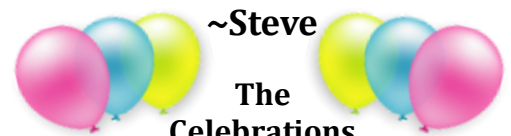
In some ways, it is that way on purpose...reflecting decisions that the ministry has made about how to re-adjust and refine as we grow from our experiences. As usual, CPMN has to make changes based on other people's decisions as well. December was a month of moving, transporting, facility renovations (albeit minor), and heavy time of preparing for the Family Camp in January.

So, you might consider my choice of scripture to be relatively ironic. How do we find rest when the workload is

so heavy and not-so-easy to bear? Uncle Richard and Auntie Sylvie made so many trips with their vehicles to and from Rehoboth, Otjiwarongo, and Arandis that I think they lost count of how many nights they spent away from home! Ms. Nan has been busy preparing for the upcoming year and trying to retain teaching staff while also searching for new teachers. The team in Otjiwarongo (Courtney, Angela, Karrie, and Steve) scrambled to gather supplies and plan for the Family Camp, while helping to properly vacate the rental house in Otjiwarongo.

And yet the quote from Jesus is no less true. Heavier than the weight of physical labour and mental frustrations is the burden of sin and pain. So many of our kids would gladly trade their difficult pasts and losses for the physical weariness and sore-

ness that we have all experienced. I am of the opinion that this passage does well to remind us that the hard work brings fresh fruit to the lives of people who have tasted the decayed fruit of a fallen world. In that, they find rest for their souls. In that also we find rest for our own.



## January Birthdays:

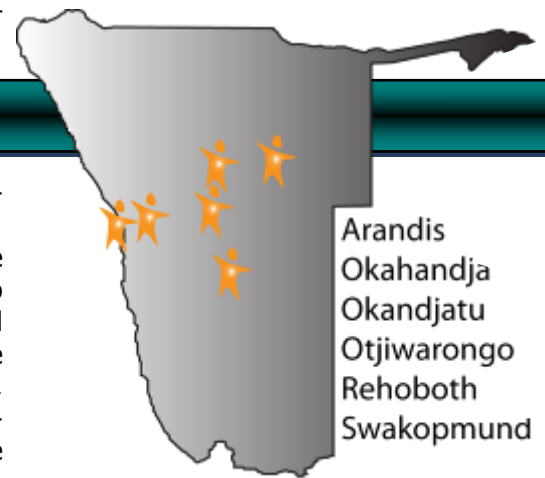
- Brendan O (14)
- Brendon U. (14)
- Jasmine J. (3)
- Annetjie vS (15)
- Sannetjie vS (15)
- Ms. Ute Frauhammer
- Ms. Nan Parker

## Ministry Updates

### Foster Care

- Auntie Likkie has been considering full retirement from CPMN for the past several months due primarily to her health concerns. In late November she decided instead that she would return to her house in Rehoboth and take only Anna and Asser with her. She kept Dennis and Zuelery with her until the end of December so that they could all spend Christmas together one last time and so that they could have time for proper closure as a whole family. Courtney spent time with the children counseling them and preparing them all for their life changes.
- The Benz family moved from Rehoboth to Arandis in December in time to receive Zuelery into their household. Also, a decision was made that Queen should be placed with the Benz family upon her re-

- turn from Windhoek after the holiday time is complete.
- CPMN welcomed Auntie Gertrude from Windhoek with her two daughters Rabonsie (12) and Lerato (5). She came to be the house mom for Dennis, Riaan, Ismael, and Smithley. Auntie Sylvie has known Gertrude for some time now as she has served previously as the nanny for Auntie Sylvie's grandson.
- Chriselda spent some holiday time with Auntie Sylvie and Uncle Richard in Rehoboth, which went very well.
- All children returned to Arandis in December for preparation for Family Camp to be held in January with the exception of Ismael, Smithley, Queen, and Milkiero.
- Because of the decision to cease schooling of the high schoolers in Otjiwarongo at this time, the rental house there was vacated and returned to the owner at the end of



December. The owners were very impressed with the manner in which the house was cared for.

### Education

- TKCA is still in need of additional teachers for the start of the 2012 school year, and we appreciate your prayers for the Lord's provisions of teachers. The biggest need is for a math and science teacher for the upper primary school grade levels.

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- School reports came back and they were mostly positive. 11 out of the 12 in Otjiwarongo passed, including Lucas and Fransiska who pleasantly surprised us all by scoring better than we expected. Chandre was the only one who did not pass, so she will repeat grade 8 in 2012.
- All of the children returning from Otjiwarongo to Arandis were enrolled in either TKCA or Kolin Secondary School for 2012.
- Rachimo also had a very positive report from school in Rehoboth. We

are praying for Raymond who underperformed during 2011 as he enters his final year of school in hopes of finishing off well in 2012. Raymond dreams of becoming a pilot.

- Elaine is also doing well and that her school report was very positive!

## Staff Notes

- Ms. Nan's and Elizabeth's trip to the USA was delayed in the hopes of further progress in the process of adopting Elizabeth prior to leaving.

Thank you for praying for this situation. Elizabeth's adoption will allow for Nan to include her on her medical aid plan as well as open the door to citizenship in the USA which is necessary in order for Elizabeth to join and receive benefits from the Spina-Bifida Association in the USA.

- The Graham family took some time off in early December. They enjoyed time in Windhoek, Etosha, and camping in [Grootfontein](#).



*Left top and bottom: Auntie Sylvie took the girls from the Benz family to get some Italian Ice in Swakopmund and to enjoy the coastline as a way to welcome them to Arandis.*



*Top Right: Auntie Gertrude poses with her children (minus Ismael and Smithley) along with Josh—a volunteer with Africa Inland Mission who is in Arandis to help with some holiday programmes for the children.*



*Bottom Right: The Benz family (minus Beuzetta) pose in their new house in Arandis.*



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Transforming the lives of the orphaned and the fatherless through the Promises of God!



### God's Mission For Us

Children of Promise Ministries Namibia aims to transform the lives of the orphaned and fatherless through the promises of God, by raising them in Christian families, and educating them to their fullest potential in Christ.

### How We Do It

- Foster Care
- Education  
*Talitha Kumi Christian Academy*
- Self-Sufficiency Program  
*Beads of Promise/Seeds of Hope*

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