

Changing a Nation Through Education

COMMUNITY HOPE SCHOOL

A ministry in Katutura reaching out to orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS



Praise and Prayer

Protection over the staff and students (recently one of the staff houses was broken into during the night)

Thank God for his financial provision and pray that we can find land quickly so that we can start building

Thank God for the start of another school year and that all the students returned safely back to school

THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Community Hope School (CHS) began a new school year on January 13, 2010. It is so exciting to see the school grow. The school has gone from nine students and a single grade one class in 2005 to 89 students and Grade 1 to 6 in 2010. I must admit that our current building is starting to feel a bit cramped. Our students have out grown both our playground and lunch area. However, last year we received a generous donation and we are excitedly looking for land to build our very own school. Looking back on the last five years we can really see how God provided for all our needs.

John and Suzanne Hunter, the directors, arrived back from America in December. Both staff and students are excited to have them back. John was undergoing chemotherapy for most of last year, which left the current staff to run the school. Though it was difficult to not have them here, it ended up being a time of team building and maturing.

The focus for this school year seems to be character growth. The students are excelling academically, but it is also important to train and disciple them as they mature into young adults. A familiar verse at the school is "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge". Fear does not mean to be terrified of God but rather to trust and obey Him. Proverbs 19:23 says that the Fear of the Lord leads to LIFE. Working here in Katutura we have seen so much sickness and death. The children are faced daily with poverty, violence and the affects of HIV/AIDS. It is our desire that the children in the community of Katutura experience life to its fullest. We don't want these children to simply get good grades; we want them to grow up with strong character. We believe that God is rising up these children to be the next leaders in their community. Your help makes this possible.

ATTENTION ALL SPONSORS:

You play such an important role. With your help we can provide education, nourishment and support to the children at Community Hope School. We would like to make it easier to update you on what is happening at the school and how your sponsored child is doing.

If you have an email address, could you please email the school administrator at: jodiedevries@hotmail.com