

Good News from Africa!

First Fruits



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Community Hope School
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"Jesus Makes Us Beautiful"



FROM MY HEART

Yesterday I had the children from Community Hope out to our house to help in my garden. It was crazy as you well might imagine. I sent some of the boys down to get manure from the kraal (cattle pen) and then we worked on my compost piles and prepared and planted some seeds. Afterwards I had them all hold some papayas from my papaya trees.

I thought, How appropriate, this class is the first fruits of our school and here they are holding fruit! They were so happy and joyful. It is so good for them to get out of the slum and out to our farm where they can experience God through nature. Thanks you all for your help with this First Class our First fruit!

Suzanne

Dear John,

I just received this from Suzanne in Windhoek.

The days are longer and the skies are promising rain. The grass seeds are sprouting after only 3 rains. We are doing well, the kids are so excited about Christmas. The theme I gave them is "Jesus Makes Us Beautiful." We are making a junk art Christmas tree and spraying interesting pieces of junk gold. To these kids the smallest thing is a treasure. Archie, our first grade teacher, has been visiting the families. Riaan lives with 31 people on a small plot of shacks, many tiny kids running around. His mom is not able to get out of bed and only one person is working. It is dismal. We will need to help out over the holidays. Tomorrow I am going to pay Ouma Petrina's water bill. We collected about N\$700, She was

in the hospital with serious food poisoning, but is recovering. Ricardo's shoes are so small he can hardly walk. The family has new ones but won't let him wear them until next year. Increase the amount in the budget for aid to about N\$10,000. We need a fund to dip into to help people who are so desperate.

We are beginning to take the old tables out of the new building to make way for the renovations. Tomorrow Ray and Luke with Archie will take the angle grinder in to cut off the bolts. Peter brought us a lot of new metal shelves, a metal cabinet, some wooden cabinets that will serve as a room divider, and a black board. I haven't seen the stuff yet. Even with you gone we are moving ahead.

Right now John is in the USA raising funds for CHS.

Our 2006 budget is \$72,000 USD. That is \$6,000 a month. 20 new children will be in our school making a total of 30. All of these kids have been affected by HIV/AIDS in some way. Many are orphans and live with extended family like Riaan. Your monthly sponsorship of \$30, \$50, \$100, \$200 or more a month will bring hope to our children. Your gift will make a difference. It will provide 2 meals a day, uniforms and the same quality of education you would want for your own children!

Yes, I will help the kids at Community Hope

- \$2400 a year = \$200 a month
- \$1200 a year = \$100 a month
- \$600 a year = \$50 a month
- \$360 a year = \$30 a month
- Other _____

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Community Hope School - In their own words



Theodor Sebatane, 7
I live with my mom, dad, brothers and sister. I used to be afraid, but now I know God made me special, and I am not. I like playing soccer with my friends.



Charis Fage, 6
I am from England. My parents are missionaries. I have 2 brothers, Ethan and Jonah. We live on a farm with the Hunters. I love Africa and I love school. We have lots of animals on the farm but no elephants!



Chris Haibeb, 8 -
I live with my grandmother. I can be a quiet boy, but I laugh a lot. My favorite sport is soccer!



Sharon Garoës, 8
I live with my daddy. I am happy, and I like to play sports, like soccer. I can run very fast.



Jerry Jood, 11
I live with my dad or sometimes with my sister. I like going to school, because I learn a lot of new things, like reading. I like to help my teachers. My favorite thing to do is playing soccer with my friends.



Cindy Gamatham, 7
I live with my grandparents. I am shy and have good manners and like to learn at school. I like to make things at school.



Innocent Goagoseb, 8
I live with my mom and dad. I really like to do things well at school, but I'm also a bit naughty... Sometimes we go to the swimming pool, I really like that!



Ricardo Geikhaub, 7
I live with my grandmother. I love to play, so sometimes it is hard for me to sit still in class. I like to read and play tennis. I also like to help my teachers.

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Riaan Gaogoseb, 7
I live with my mother and a lot of other children in our family. Schoolwork is not always easy for me, but I don't give up! I like making things with my hands. My hobbies are making puzzles, fixing things and cleaning.

Dear Neighbors!

What would Jesus do?

In response to the Lawyers question, "Who is my neighbor" Jesus gave the parable of the Good Samaritan. Today when I think of the question who is my neighbor I think of these kids at Community Hope School. Please pray and ask the LORD what you can do for these little ones. We really do need your help right now.

John Hunter