

HOPE

through Education

COMMUNITY HOPE SCHOOL, NAMIBIA
a ministry to orphans and vulnerable
children affected by HIV/AIDS

Dear friends,

Withney (pronounced *Whitney*) is six years old and in first grade at Community Hope School. She has known more pain than most of us would ever encounter in a lifetime. The first time I met Withney I wanted to pick her up and take her home. She had lost her mother to AIDS and was living with an uncle who was also dying of AIDS. Since then, the uncle has died and her stepmother is dying of AIDS too. Recently, Withney's stepmother came in to tell us Withney had been experiencing severe chest pains because of the stress.

At Community Hope School she is learning to read and write well. Here she has a place where she can express herself through drawing pictures that help to release the pressure of her emotional wounds. She shows signs of deep thought and careful attention to detail. Through time and understanding God's plan for her life, Withney can grow up to be a woman of integrity, whole and pure. What a friend she has in Jesus, a friend who holds her close and speaks peace to her in the storms of loss. With Him, she is like a young fawn that hides herself from danger but still keeps her soft tender beauty.

Every day I thank God that I can be here, healthy, full of God's love, and able to help a child like Withney. I am glad that you want to help, too. It costs \$180 a month to educate, feed, clothe, and care for each of our 60 students. So far, pledges have been made totaling \$35,000 of our \$129,000 budget for 2007. We made great advances in giving hope to these children in 2006. With your help we can do even more in 2007! Please consider making a financial donation to help children like Withney have hope and a future.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Hunter
Director, Community Hope School

