

Beautiful Kidz

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NEWSLETTER

The end of the year is in sight and we have already started preparing for 2009. This has been another year of witnessing firsthand how good and faithful our God is and how much he loves the children.

Pre-School News

We started going through all the applications for 2009 in July. Since there are so many applications (over 100) and only a few free spaces, we needed to find out which children were the neediest. We did this by visiting the houses and speaking to the caregivers. Going to all those houses, meeting many new families, made us realize again how big the need is in this community. Although it was very difficult to process the applications as there are so many needy children, we were able to select 38 children out of the worst situations. We will have 76 children in 2009.

The third term has been a total blessing so far. We have covered topics such as the dentist, the police, and firemen. With such a range of topics we were able to go to the dentist and the fire station. There was a dentist on the Dutch team that arrived on outreach, who volunteered to check all the children's teeth. This was a first for most of the children and they enjoyed it. The big highlight for the older children, of course, was the visit to the Fire Station! They all went for a ride in one of the fire trucks and "Ace", the guide, delighted the children by having the sirens on and the lights flashing! They could not stop talking about this experience for days!

The children with "Ace".



The children in front of the fire truck they rode in.



We are now heading towards Christmas and so we are practising the Christmas play, which the children will perform in front of their families. It is also a sad time as we say goodbye to the children who are heading to grade 1 next year, many of them whom have been with us since they were three years old. Even so, it is a joyous occasion for all.

News from the Youth Centre

The youth has gone from strength to strength. It has taken many prayers and we can now see God at work in their lives. We have been blessed to be able to have our own group of youth leaders this term. A group of our 'older youth' who have shown themselves to be committed to the youth, as well as making a commitment to Christ, are now the 'youth leaders'. We were able to have a leadership camp in the August holidays and during the three days we spent time looking at being servant leaders and not just having the title to boss people around. These leaders will work alongside the adult leaders as we continue to train them to be Godly leaders. They are assisting in the cracking down of teasing of other children, as well as helping with the younger youth club. The younger children really need positive role models in their lives and the older youth are willing to take up this challenge.



Some of the youth leaders on camp.

We were able to take 7 of our youth with us on outreach to Witvlei (a very poor community about 200km outside of Windhoek). This weekend was really fantastic and we were able to give the children at Witvlei a mini Christmas, thanks to the generous donations we received. The staff that went with really gave 100% to these children and they showed a genuine love and concern which can only come from Christ.

Library

One year ago we had a lovely room for the library, but no furniture, no books and no money to purchase any books!

A group of Girl Guides that visited us in August last year took the project on and went back to London to raise funds for the library. They did such a good job that they totally exceeded all our expectations and met all the needs for the Library!!!



A group of the Navigators

In July a group from the Navigators in Holland, came to volunteer for almost four weeks. They committed themselves to building the shelves for the books. The team worked with such dedication and finished the shelves the day before they flew back to Holland.

We will always remember their dedication to the task and ultimately, to the children.

We have been so blessed by a lady in Windhoek who is a librarian and who has given her time and efforts to help us sort out the many books given as donations and to get the Library up and running. In all this we see God's hand upon the work, because His heart is towards the children and their development.



The shelves starting to fill up with books.

Computers

In December 2007, at a businessmen's breakfast at our centre, a business man saw our empty computer room and promised that he would donate the 20 computers we needed. We were excited about it, but knew that the timing to start with the project was not right. In April this year we met somebody who had the necessary computer training, and who expressed that she would like to work with Beautiful Kidz. She resigned from her job and started working with us in October.

In the meantime we received the 20 second-hand computers from Sanlam which they had promised. We are now busy setting up the computer centre, so that we can start training the kids in January 2009. This is so exciting! We will be able to train about 100 kids daily! What a difference it will make in these children's lives over a period of 7 years! It will open a new world to them, with much more hope and opportunities for the future. We firmly believe that we can eradicate poverty through education.



The
donated
computers
ready to be
used.



Operation Face lift!

The murals on the walls of the day care centre started to fade after five years. We were introduced to an artist called Phillip Martin who came all the way from Belgium to draw and paint the pictures on our wall. Together with the NEO Paints, and all the others that helped, our day care centre has now had a face lift.



Some of the new paintings in the pre-school

We, the staff and Board members, would like to thank you all for your prayers, commitment and support for the work at Beautiful Kidz. We wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a safe and joyous holiday.

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PRAYER REQUEST:

- Please pray for the safety of all our children over this holiday period.

* Please see our website for an encouraging story.