



# MIKE'S MISSIVE



**missionary ventures**  
Involve Inspire Impact

Involving People to Impact  
Nations for Christ



IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER  
ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND  
TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY AND  
FOLLOW ME.

## Pondering this Mission...

Over the past year or so, I have questioned the makeup of teams and individuals coming to this particular place in the desert. At first I wondered about the reasons that many who come here are women. I have discovered through travel to other countries and

meeting with fellow mission minded people that there is a fair balance of people committed to missions. In our particular circumstance here in Arandis, Namibia, and with Children of Promise Ministry, they are not an agency which actively recruits short

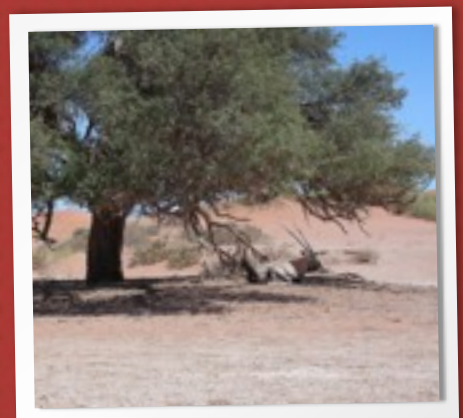
term missions. People who come, come to work with the children, and because of that, they are predominately women who do this. I would ask men who are retired, to consider coming to help with the mentoring of these kids from the male perspective.



ROAD TO SOSSUSVLEI  
GREETERS

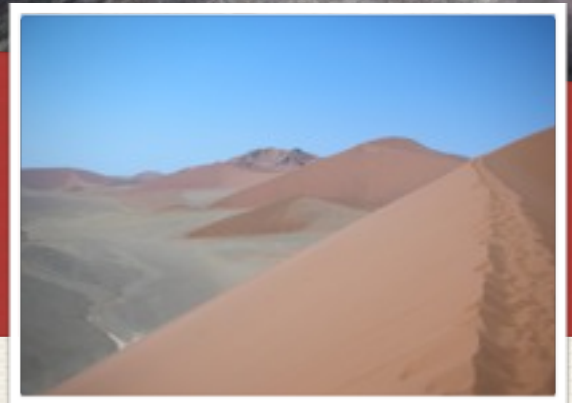


TOUR GUIDE EXPLAINS EVENTS



PICTURE OF WINNIE  
MANDELLA

# PHOTOS FROM ME



LOCAL INHABITANTS OF SOSSUSVLEI

DUNE 45 AND SURROUNDS

# Sometimes it is nice to have Fun at the beach...

Two of our German volunteers enjoyed taking the kids to Swakopmund for a beach day. It can be cool near the Ocean, so you see not all are attired for that kind of an outing.

For those familiar with the area, there is a settlement of shacks called DRC, it is behind the Location called Mondesa. Mostly it is made of informal housing, although they have some street lighting, water points and on a main road, a speed hump. I will try and get pictures of this area, but some of the people do not like you taking pictures, so I try to be sensitive to their feelings. I would ask you to imagine if you can, a dirt road, and in the along it, a pictorial sign indicating a speed hump 30 meters ahead. For those who have seen Five Rand, this is a similar settlement.

We have gone there to get bicycles from Mr. Elephant. In the picture, we are on our way home from picking up Julia's bicycle.

## GOOD TIMES AT SWAKOP



## TIME FOR FUN



JULIA GETS A BIKE



CASTLE W/ MOAT



BEACH DAY TWO



MORE BEACH

# TRAVELS WITH TY



ALICE AT DUNE 45  
TY BRAAIING  
DUNES AROUND  
DUNE 45  
CLAIRE AT DUNE  
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## Trip to Sossusvlei, Sesreim & Solitare.

For about five days in September, I was able to travel with Claire Martin, Alistair Scott and Alice Odell. We took the gravel road from Swakopmund through Walvis Bay and on through the Namib to Namib Naukluft Park. Along the way there was some excellent camping, and wonderful sights along the way.

We also camped and had a braai, The Beanie babie bear which I discovered on the roof of 476 Flycatcher, when I was cleaning up the debris prior to sealing

against leaks. He was buried in the sand gravel mix of desert which accumulates here in Arandis. After a trip through the washing machine, and an inspection, I discovered a tag on him, with the letters "TY". Thus he became Ty. Cheryl added a coat and belt, later I found a F.R.O.G. belt for him, and after those additions, he remained sitting on my entertainment stand in the living room. Ty came along, and now he has a story, and travels in the Kombi quite regularly.

# Thoughts about Arandis...

## LOCAL NEWS ITEM

Bob Mugabe's supporters are up in arms about the BBA results. They are claiming that the election was not "free and fair", "kettles talking about pots"...

It is after all, just a TV show, it has no basis in reality, although there are some who think otherwise.

## HOT WATER THOUGHTS...

Daniel has found a system for N\$4 000,00. He discovered a few deficiencies, but they were surmountable. We are installing it on Nan's house, increasing her capacity to 300 Liters in an emergency. 150 Liters of Solar, and 150 Liters of electrically heated water. Adding the installation costs, it still comes in at less than the N\$8 000,00 which would be for the Croxton unit. The system is proving to be a challenge. We discovered some leaks around the tubes. The provider offered a replacement tank. However, that one was not for the particular mount we had. So now he will come and we will see how he will resolve this problem.

We are still looking at increases in the cost of electricity here in Namibia, most likely another 18 percent. The current cost has the families foregoing hot water in favor of feeding the family. So, we still need prayer for some resolution to this issue, either donations for systems for each house, or suggestions for money making and willingness to engage in whatever process that would entail. If anyone has any insight or thoughts on this issue, we would be pleased to hear them.

## CHANGES IN OUR LOOK

Children of Promise is adding another town to the mix, Otjiwarongo. It is about 320 Kilometers to the Northeast of Arandis, tarred road all the way. The Graham family has moved there, and next year some of the other families will be headed that way. The reason being that the High School in Arandis is going through a transition and has lost its standing of being a top school here in Namibia. The principal has retired, but it will take some time to bring the teachers up to the standards of the new principal. Edward Garaseb, the Assistant Principal has told me that he is working with the principal to bring a Christian type ethic into the working environment for both the teachers and the students. With Boniface having moved to Osire (the refugee camp), the spiritual program is in need of some new input. Edward has requested that if possible we supply them with religious tracts, or other materials to get the Word to all concerned. Any prayer or support would be appreciated for this venture.

## TKCA SCHOOL NEWS

Daniel and I have been in touch with O. B. Dawids regarding the development of the school property for the Grades 1 through 12 complex. We received a proposal from Agra, the local supplier of fence and other farm items, that was just under N\$50 000,00 just over US\$7 000.00. We have a help coming from one of the mining concerns here to get the developing underway. Prayer and any support would also be appreciated in this regard. We are still waiting for response from O. B. Dawids. He did say he might help us with a couple of bricks. He also made the suggestion

that we fill the land to level it, and then compact it. This makes sense, as we are in a geological area which is considered the basement of a mountain range. bedrock is right there on the surface in many areas. He has been having to use his trackhoes with jackhammer attachments to create trenches for the infrastructure of water, sewer, electrical service under the roads which will comprise the housing development he is building. Sometimes it can be very expensive to dig a post hole, and even more so to dig a footer for a building. He made another good suggestion about the layout of our school. Since the Eastern edge of the property is mostly loose fill, and the Western area is mostly bedrock, we put our buildings to the West, and use the East as the playground. That seems like a most sensible suggestion. I am praying that the couple of bricks grows as he finds out more about the work God is doing here through Children of Promise.

I wanted to get this out at the beginning of October, however it seems that writers block and a busy schedule have gotten in the way. I pray that you have been enlightened and informed about what is going on here, I also pray that this finds you all well and in God's good graces. May God bless you all.

*Mike*

# MORE TRAVELS AND CAMPING



## AGAMA RIVER CAMP

1. EDGE OF THE NAUKLUFT
2. CANDLE LIGHT DINNER
3. SUNSET IN THE NAMIB
4. SOUSUSVLEI

## Namib Naukluft Camping Trip

One of the spots we stopped for the night was the Agama River Rest Camp. This was a somewhat quiet place between Solitare and Sesreim.

Somewhat quiet I say, because during the evening and night some of the locals would drop by to see if we left anything out for them. These were mainly black back jackals, (Foxes) About the size of a small to medium dog, several were in the camp that night and managed to move two boxes full of dishes and pots and pans in order to

get to the cooler with the lettuce and yogurt containers in it. The lettuce was strewn about the camp, the yogurt containers were missing. Perhaps they don't like iceberg lettuce. We also had an Oryx (Gemsbok) walk along the river bed on it's way somewhere. Despite being a bit cold from the Southwest wind, it was ok sleeping weather.