



# MIKE'S MISSIVE



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

## Holiday continues a candle lit dinner...

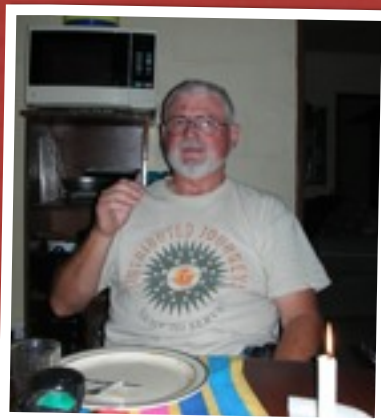
As the summer moves along, the skys are sometimes brilliant with color. Also at times we are without electricity, and since I cook with gas, we have dinner by candle light. I have rediscovered cribbage, and am seeking a local artisan who might be

able to construct a board such as the one pictured, perhaps with an African motif. We are now in the Spring, it is the week before Easter. I have been neglecting this newsletter. So much for not procrastinating.

I suppose it is time to move forward and get this finished and off to all of you saints everywhere.



SOME DO HAVE TREES HERE



VUOLA CHRISTMAS MORNING



SOME GOODIES CHILLIN'

# RETURNS, WEDDINGS & FRIENDS



BACK FROM AMERICA

AMANDA & KOLLIN

A DAMARA WEDDING

OLD FRIENDS MIKE & RODERICK

# Getting started in 2011

The new school year begins, and we have the largest in the Pre-Primary, with Grade One being next largest, followed by Grade Three and then Grade Four.

The school year begins in January, and goes until April for the first term. This is followed by a month long break, and then term two. Term two reaches to August, and then a two week break, followed by the final term until the beginning of December.

I have been asked to help Charmaine, one of our Grade Twelve learners to get a grasp of her studies in order for her to pass her final exams with enough points to qualify for tertiary school. The marking is for six subjects, each of which will carry seven points. In order to qualify she must receive at least a 27, with a passing mark in English. Her subjects are Math,

Accounting, Economics, Business, Development and English. She is taking a commerce related study program. I have found that she needs to concentrate on learning how to study and apply those skills to each of her subjects. She has written her exams and will not receive her papers until sometime in next term. I have asked to at least see the questions, so that we might work on her weaknesses over the break. I asked the Assistant Principal Edward Gariseb for those papers, and suggested to him that it might prove beneficial if the students received their results prior to the break in order that they might work on improving their grades over the break. He thought it a good idea, we will see how this works out.

Pray for us...

## TKCA GRADE THREE



## FRESH LEARNERS



GRADE FOUR



GRADE ONE



GRADE ONE



GRADE ONE

# NEW ARRIVAL



ABIGAIL, FLORIAN  
& JOSEPH

JOSEPH

FLORIAN &  
JOSEPH

ABIGAIL &  
JOSEPH

## Arandis newest Citizen is very quiet...

At least that was the case when I happened to find him at the office of Namib Bakery. His proud parents are busy introducing him to the family business. I am sure he will be stocking shelves, and running around learning all he needs to know about following in his parents footsteps.

# Thoughts about Arandis...

## *A New Year*

Each time we begin a new year, we tend to think about what we would like better in our lives. Some make "resolutions", which may become more suggestions. Others just move along, with no thought to improvement or change. I seek to build this year on relationships.

First and foremost with God.  
Deuteronomy 6:4... comes to mind.

Then with others and myself... which brings me to Mark 12:29-31...

That is all we have to do, and all I am going to focus on this year.

I have also discovered something which others before me have known about. A fellow named Watchman Nee has written a book called "The Spiritual Man". It is in three volumes, I am currently on volume two, and find this Chinese gentleman has quite a lot to say on the subject. Also, it seems quite relevant even now almost 90 years later.

We are now approaching the Easter season. This is a time for much reflection, and awe at the sacrifice which was made to bring us back to our Father. Our job it would seem to make the most of that sacrifice, and dedicate our lives to being living sacrifices to the Creator, and thereby giving Him the glory He so richly deserves.

Here in Arandis, the school year has reached the end of the first term. The students are now in full holiday mode, I am sure forgetting all about school

work, and concentrating on how not to be bored for the next four weeks.

I have a suggestion for some of them, especially those who are in the grades which have exams, and which the country seems to be most concerned about. Those being grades 10 and 12.

The rest of the grades do not seem to receive the attention accorded to those two grades. I don't exactly know if this is a carryover from the previous way in which things were administered here, but it seems that they have many laws still on the books from the time when South Africa administered this region.

I suppose that when the American Colonies first began, other than the Constitution, they suffered along with the same or similar issues. What might help them in the area of schooling, would be instilling in the students (learners), teachers, and parents the idea that Education is an essential part of moving forward and becoming a developed and prosperous country.

I can only pray, and continue to pray that all of the countries in this world would come to the realization that our Triune God has created a system of relationships, which when they are allowed to develop and follow His instructions, would bring about a more perfect world. All forms of Government are valid, as long as they remember that those who govern are responsible for those that they govern. That they realize that they are going to answer some day to the Creator as to how they served those they were elected to serve. This is also true of all other systems in mankind's social order of development. All are ultimately answerable to our Creator as to how

we performed our assigned and accepted tasks.

For now, I will continue to try and help one individual at a time, as God gives me the ability to do so.

*As you can see ?*

*started this in*

*February and now it*

*is almost May.*

*Well, may God bless*

*you and keep you,*

*may He make His*

*face shine upon you*

*and be gracious unto*

*you, may He lift*

*His countenance unto*

*you and give you*

**PEACE**

**AMEN**

# SWAKOPMUND



## LOCAL SITES

1. SUNSET AT THE MOLE
2. A DAILY REMINDER
3. HOME
4. DINNER WITH FRIENDS
5. WOOD AT THE LOCAL HARDWARE STORE.

## These are some local views for you.

We are now at the break. A month long holiday for the kids. Already they are bored. I remember, dimly, my school breaks. When growing up in Illinois, we never had much trouble getting into trouble. We always had things we could do. We invented games to play, as well as playing team sports. If you had a ball (football, basketball, baseball) you could always find enough kids to have a pickup game. Then there was the local farm land, and we would range over it an find ways to amuse ourselves.

Of course, my mother would occasionally have a "Tom Sawyer Party" in the Spring, and we would whitewash the basement after the flood. Or she would arrange a birthday party for Abe, or George, and all the kids would come over for the party in February. Other times we would just play "hide and seek" or some other pickup contest most of which involved a lot of imagination. I am surprised kids today have trouble if the electricity is out.