

### Personal Greeting

The quickest way to bring my mind back to God is to whisper his name! This is so true! I realize that on a daily basis, I quietly begin to pray when the disturbances of the world begin to take control. What a blessing. I do not always think about it in the midst of the trouble but when I reflect back that whispering of God's name does take the fear and trepidation away. God is our constant companion even when we are having sleet storms in the middle of the desert in August! Life is difficult no matter where we are...and our peace can only be an eternal peace found in the presence of the God who loves us - unconditionally! Some days I am so overwhelmed with my life in this foreign land. And I realize that difficult times are pervasive everywhere. Humbled and in trust we manage each day. With thanks and praise, I give God honor for His love and faithfulness demonstrated by *your* love and faithfulness to me and my family!

### What's Next

Third term is approaching quickly and a need to look towards 2012 and our needs to operate TKCA while bringing back all our middle school students. Finding qualified, committed teachers is no easy task. Planning a camp for our children during summer holiday has become a priority as we see the lack of spiritual encouragement. Sylvia has been asked to participate in a fact finding mission to Ethiopia. A trip to the USA may also be on the horizon for Sylvia in the next two months. More on this as it develops as she will be available to speak. More volunteers arriving before the end of the year including our partners from the UK, Peter and Anne.

### Specific Needs

Continued prayers for our teenagers

as it relates to personal decisions concerning relationships and school are needed. The majority of our high school students in Otjiwarongo and Arandis had a disappointing second term! We live in a world where uneducated girls are used and abused. May God open the hearts of our children to realize the importance of education. Auntie Emily, a birth great aunt, of Riaan, Ismael, Smithley and Queen has taken over the responsibility of the children. May God grant these children a lasting relationship with her. We continue to trust God for Toivo's tertiary education. Second term funds will be needed by mid-January. Donations to *Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Toivo's Ministry, 530 Saint Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210*. As we look at the direction of our future as an organization we ask for God's insight and wisdom. Ms. Friedell and other of our partners around the world are suffering with health issues including cancer. May God hold each of them in His hands.

### Thanksgivings



We had a busy month and we are grateful for it. A team from Manchester Community College visited us for two full weeks giving of themselves to our children and families. Our children were blessed and staff were blessed! Toivo's financial needs were met by a myriad of people! We Praise God and thank you for your continued commitment to Toivo's future which will be part of Namibia's future! Lea arrived safely in Namibia and will join us in Arandis by the end of August. SHOFAR (Swakopmund Church) continues to support us with

donations of furniture, clothing and shoes. Our third, fourth and fifth graders all learned their time tables!! This is a huge success for the children and Ms. Nan held a celebration at her house for all their effort! (as an aside, in our public school system probably



60% of the children do *not* know their times tables when they graduate!) Janis participated at an entry level in a horse riding competition and won third place! Nothing like a ribbon to build self-esteem!

Generally, the children at TKCA did well with their marks second term. Teachers Ilanda, Shelly and Nan are working hard to help every child learn. Toivo is going to play soccer for Presbyterian College which was a dream of his! He worked hard and has made the team. Dorian, who has been in Ute's temporary care for over a year, has finally been placed by the court with his family from his father's side. (father died) Ms. Jackie arrived back in NH safely. She finished her three months with us and we praise God for her heart for His children. The students in Rehoboth continue to excel at school and we praise God for that! We found the perfect car after a generous donation allowed me the finances needed to replace my 15 year old car with only a 6 year old one!



### Personal Prayer Request

May I daily refocus my mind and heart on God, my constant companion. Praise God for His gift! In Christ's Love,  
*Brenda*