

Update from the Grahams

January 2012

“Trust in the Lord and do good; *Dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness.* Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” ~**Psalm 37:3-4**

Jesus was echoing this Psalm when He said we are to seek first His kingdom and everything else will be added unto us. I have found this wonderful promise to be true as I have tested it in my life. The part I felt the Lord highlighting, was verse 3: “Trust in the Lord and do good; *Dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness.*”

Is it OK to confess that I have had days, and particularly last year, when I wanted to quit? There were days when I was exhausted and longed for the comforts of “home” and for the days back when life was “normal.” I think I am sometimes much more like the Israelites who complained every time things got a little uncomfortable and started longing for the “good ol’ days” when they had leeks and garlic. Can’t say as I’ve ever had a craving for leeks and garlic but I suppose it would be comparable to us longing for good breakfast cereal, Pizza and Mexican food! Good thing we have great friends who mail us nice packages with Starbucks instant coffee and Tazo Chai tea!

Seriously though, it is not the foods I long for as much but comforts found in close relationships, cultural familiarity and “normal” routines.



Through Psalm 37:3 though the Lord spoke to me, reminding me to firstly TRUST Him, and secondly that I am to dwell in THIS land- the land where I am at right now- and I am to feed on His faithfulness. He is to be my food, my sustenance, my strength. I felt His affirmation of our being here, of my being here in spite of the days when I would much rather not. I wasn't looking for affirmation in that way but He surprised me with it.

I believe He wants us to be content in Him wherever we find ourselves, whatever season we are in. It is not about where we are but where our strength is coming from. What is our source of sustenance? What are we feeding on? What are YOU feeding your soul on? And by the way, we hunger for whatever we feed on! If we feed on junk, we crave junk. If we feed on God and His word, we will begin to crave Him. And as we feed on the Lord, delight in Him, do good in His name and for His glory, if we trust in His goodness and great love for us, His faithfulness WILL sustain us and He WILL give us the desires of our hearts right where we are at.

I wish I could go into detail of all of the ways He has shown His faithfulness to me and our family but that I will have to save for when we are back with you (hopefully later this year)! In the meantime, I pray that you find all you need in Him, that you hunger for and delight in Him alone and that 2012 will be a year of great growth and deepening of your walk in the Lord. Be blessed!

~ Karrie

Financial Update

We were **over** our required support amount this past month, by \$1691.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

New YOUTUBE Video



From the Holiday Club time in Arandis ([click to follow link](#))

Holiday Club for Children of Promise in Arandis

Steve & a team of 9 other missionaries from Africa Inland Mission ran a day camp in Arandis for the kids and foster parents of Children of Promise Ministries, and also some from the community (70+). The event was a great success, and the kids were disappointed that the camp came to an end. It even attracted the attention of the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (yes, "NBC") which aired footage of the event and included interviews with Steve and Courtney (a social worker with AIM based out of Otjiwarongo). Unfortunately, we don't have a copy of what was broadcast, otherwise we would share it.



Prayer Requests

(1) There has been no change on Irene and Mcshall's placement with us. We are deeply hoping to gain custody through foster care or adoption. The sooner the better, because we are considering coming for a visit to the US later this year, and we don't want to leave them behind in Namibia again!

(2) Please pray for a meeting scheduled for Monday 30 Jan with the mayor of Otjiwarongo to discuss Kehi Omuti. We need the LORD's help and wisdom as we proceed.

(3) PRAISE: Sylvia Beukes—the director of Children of Promise Ministries—has agreed to back the Kehi Omuti outreach and provide help in registering the project with the government.

(4) The kids are starting a new school year this month and we appreciate your prayers as all of our kids begin anew.

(5) Please pray that we can find a suitable house for the Swanson family that is coming with AIM to Otjiwarongo at the beginning of March. Housing is very limited in this town at this time. The Swanson family will participate in youth outreach and ministry to orphans and vulnerable children.

Survey Trip to Himba-land

Steve travelled this month with a team of leaders from within AIM to Opuwo, Namibia and the surrounding areas to conduct a ministry survey. AIM is prayerfully considering recruiting a team of missionaries for a 2 year or longer outreach to the Himba. The team would live amongst the Himba people for that time and participate in the life of the village with a priority on building meaningful relationships. This "strategy" (if you could call it that) is based on our belief that discipleship happens best through close relationships. The Himba have mostly heard about Christianity but there are very few that have been transformed by the Gospel.

For more information on these types of outreaches to people groups across Africa, click on the TIMO logo to the right->

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VBS @ Keki Omuti (project at the dumpsite)

(note: last newsletter had a typo in the name of the project)

In December Karrie, Courtney, and Angela ran a 4-day program for the kids who frequent the dumpsite. They had songs, skits, Bible lessons, snack times, and even a Christmas party for them. Ashlan, Kailey, and a friend collected items for 50 gift boxes for the kids including cookies, toiletry items, and other things.



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