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We thought September offered us many changes – October also offered us many challenges, rewards, and opportunities as we continued our term at the Children of Zion Village in Namibia, Africa!

We had mentioned last month about the young man who is HIV+ and had contracted TB. He continues with his daily regimen of an injection at the local clinic. This was a challenge; getting him to the clinic for an 8:00 AM shot, back to school, and then continue with our regular responsibilities made driving a never ending daily experience. He continues to need your prayers as his cough is not better. He, along with many of the children, have a place in our hearts that we will never forget.

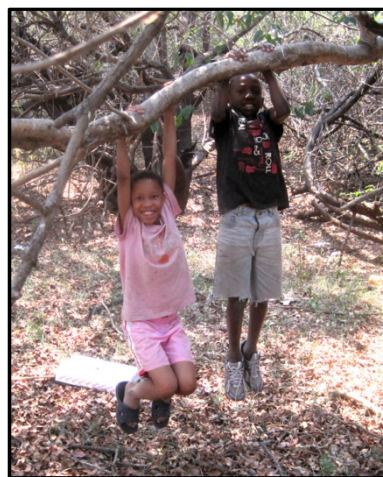
There are so many things to share with you about our time at Zion Village. Our schedule was busy, besides the TB daily shot run; we had devotions on Mon, Tues, and Thurs mornings. We were responsible for purchasing all the food needed for the orphanage. This took 2 days, as the quantity of food was enormous! Besides feeding all the children & staff, the Village was a “7-11” market for the locals who were unable to get to town. We stocked basics such as flour, salt, sugar, bread, and soap for the locals to buy. We were also responsible to oversee the clinic every evening at 6:00 PM. This involved dispensing the HIV+ anti-viral



drugs; as well as tending to the various bumps, bruises, and cuts for 27 children. Saturdays we took the older children to town. Teenagers, regardless of where they live, like to spend their day off just roaming, in town, with their friends.

Sometimes we took this opportunity for a great breakfast from a small Internet café, owned by a South African. The food was wonderful, the teens had fun, and we got back to the Village early afternoon. Saturday nights were movie nights. We

projected movies on the wall of the dining room. The kids loved the evening, and they even got a candy bar that night. Ed had to prepare a sermon for each Sunday. We had church in the dining room of the orphanage, with Ed preparing a short message. This was always a challenge as he had our little 2 year olds helping! Sunday afternoons were a time for the smaller children to go for a walk. We visited another local village, the river, and just had fun generally exploring with some cute little kids.



In addition to shopping for our kids, the Village also provided food for a feeding center at a nearby village named Mafuta. This is a very poor Village with a small kindergarten. The

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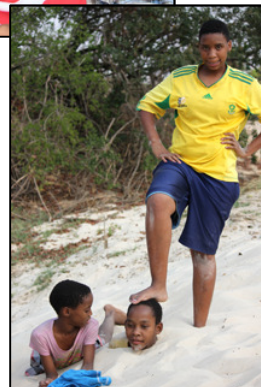
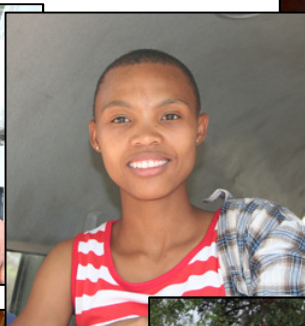
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children at Zion spoke English, as well as several other tribal languages. However, the children at Mafuta only spoke silozi, their local tribal language.

The teacher at the school speaks English, so we were able to communicate. Zion provided food for the children's lunch, which was prepared outside.



We've listed our "scheduled" activities, but there were ALWAYS extra trips to town, trips to the hospital, vehicle maintenance – we were VERY busy. In mid-October, our duties at Zion were released to another GRT couple, who will remain at the village until the regular Directors return from their furlough. On our way back to the US, we were able to spend about 30 hrs. in Cape Town, South Africa. We had planned on 2 days in Cape Town, but traveling on Air Botswana means many delayed & cancelled flights. We would like to end this month with just photos of some of the precious children at The Village of Zion Orphanage. We know God had a plan when he sent us to Namibia, and maybe getting to know these children was part of it! To God be the Glory!



*In His Service,
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