



Philadelphia

Foundation for Orphans in Distress

*“...See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut...”
(Rev. 3:7-8)*

ANNUAL REPORT

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From the Management

During this year, the program of the Philadelphia Foundation grew. The human as well as financial capacity allowed us to implement new projects as well as extend existing projects. A blessing out of the hand of our Heavenly Father!

Once again on behalf of ourselves as well as the children we work with, we would like to extend our gratitude to all our supporters, sponsors, sister organization in the Netherlands and above all our Heavenly Father for standing behind us and making it possible for us to impact the lives of so many children.

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Program Manager



PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Philadelphia Foundation for Orphans was established in 2004 and is working with orphans and vulnerable children. Our main aim is to improve the quality of life of orphans and vulnerable children within their communities. The aim and objectives are practically implemented by providing material support as well as training and income-generating projects through which capacity is increased and poverty reduced. Through child evangelism clubs the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ is shared with the children, as to offer them an eternal future.

Several projects are running to implement the objectives that were set to reach this aim. This report will highlight the main activities.

EDUCATION SUPPORT

This year we had several **support groups** at the Omulunga Primary school. One group consisted of children that are orphaned, and were selected by the school counselor as the most vulnerable ones. The aim of this group was to give them positive attention and the opportunity to discuss their situation at home. Where necessary Philadelphia also supported them by providing in their material needs.



The other groups were children that showed behavioral difficulties in the classroom. The aim with these groups was to work at emotion regulation, discussing their situation at home and developing their identity. The teachers reported back that the children's behavior in class improved after they joined this group.



At the start of the 2016 schoolyear we supported the children of our kidsclub with **school materials**. They all received some stationery which helped them to join in with the lessons. While they are often disadvantaged in so many ways, this is one of the ways to give them a little advantage.

WE CARE

The **yearly blanket action** was this year for the children from our kidsclubs. More than 80 children received a blanket and because of that could sleep warm in the cold winter nights.



The two **soup kitchens** at pre-primary schools we work with also continued this year: Merciful Kindergarten and San Pre-school. About 120 children received a nutritious meal every school day. We provided them with maize meal, soup, milk, sugar, oil, and sometimes supplemented with pasta, beans and vegetables.

The local abattoir still provides the bones that Philadelphia can distribute to the needy people and our soup kitchens. It is still highly valued by all who are receiving them and gives them the opportunity to have a bit more variety in their meals.



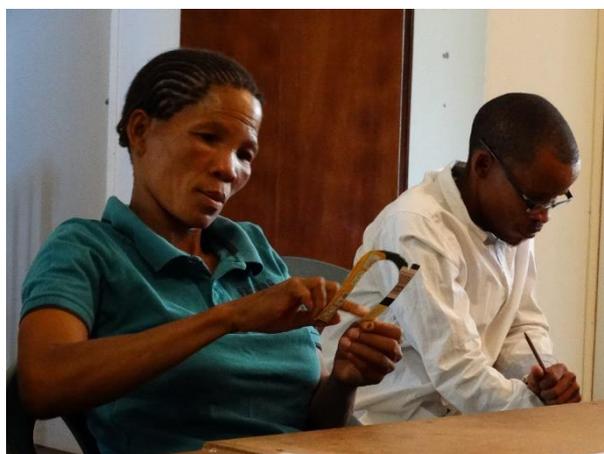
Our **family care project** assists in the needs of several families. We come across families in different ways and are involved with them for as long as is needed. Sometimes a family needs a little help for a short while, other times it is help for a longer period. In this way we build relationships with people and have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus in a practical way.

Two years ago we reported about Mercia, a girl who isn't able to walk, but instead crawled on her knees to move around. We had a second-hand **wheelchair** that we donated to her but it was a very big and heavy one. After two years it really needed replacement. Philadelphia received two wheelchairs this year. Mercia was one of the children who received one of them, fitting her much better. The principal of the Omulunga Primary school mentioned that there was a boy in school who was in need of a wheelchair. His name is Hezwell. Both of these children were very happy they no longer had to crawl through sand and dirt.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Also in this year we worked with the **six preschool teachers**. Through monthly class visits we walked alongside them while implementing the new program. Most of the teachers really grew into it this year. Some of them still struggled, and needed a bit more guidance.

We also started working with a **new group of preschool teachers**, coming from Bushmandland. They received the same training from AMOS Meerkat Schools as the six from Grootfontein. But as it is hard to visit them every month, we decided to help them by giving three trainings per year. Each time they would come to Grootfontein for a week and together we would prepare for the next school term. The first training took place in November 2015. It was an intensive week, but good. It was encouraging for the teachers, who are teaching in such a remote area of Namibia.



This year we finished the last modules of the **Perivoli training**. Teachers received training on how to teach young children, what methods to use and how to use waste material in doing this. 15 kindergarten teachers graduated after meeting the attendance requirements for receiving a certificate. Fina, the lady we gave the training with, will continue working with Perivoli and will now give the trainings by herself.

EVANGELISM

Through this whole year we had child evangelism clubs where we could share the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ with children. We had the opportunity to send 10 children from our kidsclub to a **camp week** organized by "Child Evangelism Fellowship". Philadelphia payed their fees and gave them new clothes and toiletries to bring to camp. They had a wonderful time and came back filled with enthusiasm.



During this year we decided that it would be better if we would split the kidsclub with older children also in two. We created a group for kids from grade 3 up until 5. And we started a **youth club** for teenagers from grade 6 and up.

That means that we have three different groups: one with the little children of grade 2 and younger, one with the children from grade 3-5 and our youthclub. In this way we could address them better at their own level. With the youthclub we spoke about your life being like a journey and what choices you have to make during that journey. Being busy with so many children (over 200) was wonderful. And we closed our year with a great **Christmas party** where all those kids were involved. The small ones performed in a Christmas play, the youth club read the bible verses and all the others sang together with the Christmas songs.



The **discipleship group** with nine teenagers that started in January 2015 gave these young people the opportunity to grow in their relationship with their Savior.

The **hospital project** continued with visits to the children's ward every Thursday. We prayed for the children and their parents, gave them a soft toy, something to eat and some clothes when necessary. In addition to this we sometimes took a child on an outing, when the child was in the hospital for a long time and did not receive much visits from family. For example we took little Joseph who was admitted for TB for months to the Agricultural Show in Grootfontein. He had a wonderful time!



PERMACULTURE

In order to provide families with a supply of fresh vegetables to add to their meals, we are running a permaculture project. This year we again visited the houses of the children that received a tyre garden in the previous years and checked if they were ready for the next planting season. If necessary we filled the tyres up with compost and manure and we provided them with the seeds to plant.

A new tyre garden was made at one of the preschools we work with. For children it is so important to learn how vegetables grow. By having a garden in the school yard, children can be involved in the planting, watering and harvesting of the vegetables.

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