



Philadelphia

Foundation for Orphans in Distress

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

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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.

We care

Blankets

This year the annual blanket action was held at the Omulunga School. All the children of grade 6 and 7 received a blanket, to keep them warm in the night. Winters in Namibia can become cold, especially at night. So a blanket is a necessity to be able to sleep well. A total of 230 children received a blanket. We also handed them out at one of the preschools we work with.



Soup kitchens

We continued with the three soup kitchens that we support at the preschools. We provided them with the food (maizemeal, soup, milk powder, sugar, and sometimes pasta or beans) and they took care of the cooking. In this way around 160 children got a meal every school day.



Bones

For a number of years, we receive bones from the local abattoir that we distribute to local people as well as our soup kitchens. This year the frequency with which we received the bones became less, but they are still seen as a precious gift by the people that receive them. It is a much-welcomed addition to their usually very frugal meals.



Family support

Second hand clothing was handed out on different occasions. Preschool teachers we work with assisted us in making a list of the needy children in their schools. We had secondhand clothes that we received from The Netherlands and from Namibia, that we could give them.

As part of the family support program we were able to support the school going siblings of our “streetkids” with school uniforms.



Skills development

Preschools

Every three weeks we had a meeting with the preschool teachers from Grootfontein to prepare for the next theme. It is a time to share ideas and thoughts about the lessons and to learn from each other. We also encourage each other and pray with each other.

The teachers from Bushmanland came to Grootfontein three times this year to prepare for the lessons for the coming term. A volunteer from South Africa who worked with these teachers before, was assisting again.



Street kids

Last year we started with a new project with a group of 7 boys that roam the streets. This year we continued to work with them. One dropped out, because of moving out of the region. We continued to do different kinds of activities with them, and towards the end of the year we shifted the focus more towards gaining work experience. We offered them several opportunities in order to find out what has their interest and to let them find out what it means to work.



Evangelism

Kids clubs

The kids clubs for child evangelism continued this year with groups for children and teenagers. There was a group for young children, although older children also joined now and then. The two youth groups of last year were combined to one. The subjects we spoke about were how to hear God's voice, what it means to follow Jesus in daily life, to plan an outreach and the testimonies of that. With the young children we read stories from the children's bible and learned some new songs.



A number of teenagers from the youth club went to camp Good News from CEF in the August holiday. As in previous years, Philadelphia could support them by paying part of the camp fees, giving toiletries and providing them with transport to the camp location. They had a wonderful time, learning more about God and how to share the gospel.

At the end of the year we had a Christmas celebration with the youth club. We prepared a puppet play of the nativity story. In the afternoon the children from the kids club could come and watch, and in the evening every teenager invited two persons to come and watch as well.



Hostel

We continued this year with our bible study at the hostel, and spoke with the girls about the stories from the Old Testament. Together we could learn a lot about being obedient and trusting God. The attendance varied between 20 and 40 girls each week.