



*"....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.

Education Support

At the first youth club of the year 2018, the beginning of a new school year, we gave the teenagers some basic school materials. Schools always give a list of stationery that the children need to bring at the start of the school year. Even though education is free, these lists are quite long and costly, especially when you realize that they also need school uniforms. Philadelphia is grateful to be able to support them in this way.



We care

Blankets

Winters in Namibia can become quite cold, especially during the nights. Temperatures can drop towards 0 degrees. When you are staying in a shack made from corrugated iron, it's extra cold. That is why every year we hand out blankets to a selected group of children just before winter starts. This year it was the youth club's turn. All the teenagers of both groups received a blanket, approximately 50 in total. No more cold nights for them.



Soup kitchens

This year we continued with the soup kitchens we had at three different preschools. Every two weeks we provide the schools with food (maizemeal, soup, milk powder, sugar, and regularly also pasta or beans) so they can cook a meal for the kids going to their schools. This means that every school day 160 children receive a meal.



Bones

The distribution of bones continued this year. Twice a week we received bones from the local abattoir and handed them out to people in need and to our soup kitchens. It is always highly appreciated by the people who received them.



Family support

This year we went to a small squatter camp on the other side of Grootfontein to hand out second hand clothing. Every year we receive some donations of second hand children's clothing from The Netherlands and also from Namibians. We went twice, first to give clothes to the young children, and later in the

afternoon to give clothes to the school-going children. It was lovely to see the excitement on their faces when the children tried on their new clothes.

There were also groups of people from Bushmanland who showed up at our doorstep to ask for clothes. In this way we could also provide clothes for many families there.



Skills development

Preschools

Every three weeks we had a meeting with the preschool teachers from Grootfontein to prepare together for the next theme. It was always good to share ideas and learn from each other.

The teachers from Bushmanland came to Grootfontein again three times a year. With them we did the same thing, but prepared for four themes in one week training. This year there was a volunteer from South Africa who worked with these teachers. So these times we could give the training together with her.



Street kids

This year we started with a new project with a group of 7 boys that roam the streets. They are not going to school (anymore) and were begging at the supermarkets. Together with a lady from Grootfontein we

started a group in which we did all sorts of activities with them and shared the gospel. They received a couple of basketball lessons, in order to experience new things. All this is aimed to let them broaden their horizon and to find out who they are and what they want to do with their lives.



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. And there were two youth clubs. The new one, that started last year, was an outreach group. With them we focused on hearing God's voice, how to share the gospel and how to pray for people. In the regular youth club we went through the lessons about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. When they attended ten lessons they received a bible, or when they attended for the second round, they received a Christian journal.



A group went to camp Good News from CEF this year in the August holiday. Philadelphia supported them by paying part of the camp fees and giving toiletries. At camp they learned more about God and how to serve Him and they had a wonderful time with peers from all over the country.

At the end of the year we had a Christmas celebration with the two youth clubs, in which we did a play of the nativity story.

Hostel

Later in the year we started a bible study group at the girls hostel in town. With a group of 40 girls we weekly came together and spoke with them about how to hear God's voice. In the new year (2018) we started off with the bible stories from the Old Testament, starting with Abraham.

Permaculture

With the group of boys that we started (see under skill development) we made tyre gardens at the houses where they sleep. At every house (3 in total) we filled around 5-6 tyres with soil and planted spinach, tomatoes and beans. Especially the spinach grew well, although the boys experienced problems with the discipline to water regularly. They spend most of the day at the streets, so they were not around to give water. This way, the success of it depends on the other people living there.

