



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

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021/2022



The Philadelphia Foundation for Orphans was established in 2004 and is working with orphans and vulnerable children and their support systems.

Our main aim is to benefit orphans and vulnerable children and their families, caretakers and communities, as well as other vulnerable people groups. The aim and objectives are practically implemented in several ways: by providing material support as well as training and income-generating projects through which capacity is increased and poverty reduced; by sharing knowledge, expertise and experiences as well as motivating and supporting other organisations and individuals with similar aims and objectives worldwide. Our most important goal throughout our work is to spread the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and so bring hope for this life as well as life eternal.

Several projects are running to implement the objectives that were set to reach this aim. This report will highlight the main activities. Due to the outbreak of corona we again had to make some adjustments in our program as members from our team also became ill and recovery took quite long. However, by the grace of God we were able to start a new project as well, and we are excited to share this with you.

## Education support

### School materials

At the beginning of each school year the children receive a list from their schools with supplies they need to purchase for that year. Things like copy papers, stationery, writing books, etcetera. This, together with the school uniform they need to wear, makes quite an amount of money. Many parents cannot afford all that. At the beginning of 2021 Philadelphia could help the forty teenagers from the youth clubs with some of the school materials. We let everyone of them make a list of things they still needed and for a certain amount we bought those things for them. Thank you for your support!





## We care

### Family support

During the wintertime, corona was severe in Namibia. Also within our team corona and its consequences made that we could not do everything on full capacity. So, for a while the groups with the boys (see: skills development – streetkids) could not continue. In those days we supported them and their families with food parcels. We also supported some other families with a food parcel this year.



We could donate second hand clothes to a group of San people living in Bushmanland, through a lady we know that works in that area.



### Blankets & Jackets

Every year, at the beginning of winter, Philadelphia has a blanket action. The reason for this is that the nights can become quite cold during wintertime. Especially for people living in houses made of corrugated iron. This year, we gave the 40 teenagers of the youth clubs a blanket. Also during winter, we had a request from one of the secondary schools in Grootfontein, to support a group of their students with a school jacket. Thanks to sponsors we could give a jacket to 37 teenagers to keep them warm on their way to school and in the cold classrooms.



### Soup kitchens

We continued with our two soup kitchens at the preschools. But later in the year our third one started again as a new teacher took over that preschool. Every two weeks Philadelphia brought the food to the schools, so they could give the children a meal every school day. In total we helped around 75 preschool children per day with this. Philadelphia also occasionally supported a soup kitchen started by one of the preschool teachers we work with, whenever she did not have enough food (mostly maize meal or vegetables). On several occasions we received vegetables from local farmers, which we could add to the food, like tomatoes, baby marrows and twice even a small box full of quail eggs.





## Skills development

### Preschools

The preschool teachers from Bushmanland came to Grootfontein again in September and in January of 2022. The group is growing and teachers from other regions were also added, like the Zambezi and Kavango region. Some teachers are already quite long in the program, so they could help the ones that were new. In this way we did not only prepare for the coming term, but could also help people grow in their leadership skills. It is always a time of encouragement for the teachers, in which they can exchange experiences and testimonies from their classrooms with other teachers.



With the preschool teachers in Grootfontein that are part of our program we did not come together often as a group this year, but they were visited individually to stay in touch with them. The preschools all went through difficult years of declining attendance and in that way less income. The beginning of 2022 at least looks better than the previous years, so that is encouraging.

Some girls from youth club were having trouble with math and for a couple of months we helped them on Friday afternoons to prepare for their exams.

### Street kids

The end of last year we finished with the first group of boys (most of them are now working on farms) so, this year we continued to work with only the new group. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning we came together. On Tuesdays we worked on reading and social skills and on Thursdays we did needlework. We also did other creative activities and talked with them about faith and how to pray. Everytime they came they could earn points, with which they could “buy” food or clothes. When corona hit we had to stop for a while, but could pick it up later again. We made good progress with the reading part and also one boy made his first bag on the sewing machine already. They can be proud!



## Evangelism

### Youth club

The youth club was split in two in the beginning of this year, because some teenagers are already part of our youth club for a long time. So, with them we decided to do a Lead Today training from OneHope. It aims to raise up positive leaders with characteristics that a good leader has, like integrity, a positive attitude and responsibility. Each characteristic was linked to a person in the bible showing that specific characteristic. They all received a workbook in which they could make notes. A small group continued to come throughout the year when we were allowed to have youth club. But some were unable to come due to extra school work after all the classes that were missed.

The newer teenagers made the other group of our youth club. With them we did a sort of Alpha Course, going through themes like: who is Jesus, why did Jesus die, reading the bible, prayer, etc. This group was a bit more stable in attendance, as they are mostly younger and in lower grades. So, the pressure from school was not that high yet.

Five of our youth club went to camp of CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) this year. We supported them again with half of the camp fees, the transport to Tsumeb and some toiletries. It was a shorter camp than normal, but they enjoyed it nonetheless, especially because it was at Etosha this year. So, for most of them it was the first time they could actually see a lion or an elephant. Memorable!

At the end of the year the two youth clubs together joined in a Christmas celebration, where we told the Christmas story in a special way. It was called the pop-up nativity. Every time a certain word was said, they all had to do an action. For example when the word "Mary" was said, they all had to raise their hands and say "mummy!" It was a nice way to involve everyone. We had a snack, a cooldrink and a giftbag with sweets and toiletries to take home. A great way to close another year.



### Permaculture

One of the streetkids decided he also wanted to make a garden. So after he prepared the soil (and he did it wonderfully well, as you can see on the photo) we helped him with the seeds and some compost. His garden went a bit through ups and downs (grandma had to help a bit), but eventually they could eat from it. The other boy who already had a garden from last year, received seeds to replant for the new season.

Also at one of the preschools we planted a garden. The teacher and other people already prepared all the tires and soil and even a fence around it. So then we could assist with planting the seeds. Also this garden had some difficulties as little plants would suddenly disappear. But we kept on replanting and eventually they grew nicely. When we visited them after the summer holiday we couldn't believe our eyes with how green and full the garden was. What happened was, pumpkin plants had taken over the entire garden (some spinach and tomatoes were



still growing underneath), although they never even planted pumpkin seeds! The teacher said: it's a miracle from God.



## World Mission

Our new project is called World Mission. During 2020 God started to make it clear that we had to expand Philadelphia with this project. The project started in March 2021.

This is the first and only project of the Philadelphia Foundation that operates worldwide. The main purpose of this project is to share knowledge, expertise and experiences as well as to motivate, support and encourage other organisations and individuals. This is done by sharing our years of experience with the different projects in Namibia and by testifying of our hope in Christ Jesus and the wonderful things He has done and is still doing in our own lives as well as through Philadelphia.

An amazing testimony is that God provided special funds for this project through a donor organisation that approached us, without any prior intervention from our side.

## Aruba

The first mission was to Aruba, a small island in the Caribbean. The main source of income is tourism.

Here the Lord had us mainly working in churches and with local individuals and tourists. We also had the opportunity to share in churches about our work with orphans and vulnerable children in Namibia.

This resulted in increased knowledge about our work and many persons came to offer





their support to the work of Philadelphia in several ways, like prayer, presentations and financial donations.

Even after a year, we are still in contact with some of the churches and individuals and can see the far-reaching positive results of our mission trip.

We also had assistance of some wonderful local Christian people.



## Peru

The second mission this year was to Peru, and this was a totally different experience. It was challenging, but also very rewarding. In Peru we visited several towns and cities. In some of them we could cooperate with local organisations, which made the work more effective.



In some churches we were allowed to tell about the work of Philadelphia in Namibia, in other churches we could testify about God's work in our lives as well as His work and provision within the Philadelphia Foundation.

We spoke in churches, with women's groups, children's groups, schools, bible study groups, home groups, did radio interviews and we were privileged to visit the Amazon jungle and as first missionaries tell the children and young people in a tiny village about the love, redemption and salvation through Christ Jesus.





There were lots of challenges. First of all, Peru is Spanish speaking and most people do not understand English, so we had to work through interpreters. Another challenge was transport. Especially in the Amazon, where we had to make use of small wooden boats, in which we had to travel for hours, overloaded small taxi busses and other very uncomfortable modes of travelling.

However, many people were reached with the love of God, and heard about the eternal hope we have in Jesus.

And just as in Aruba, the work of the Philadelphia Foundation in Namibia was shared. In this way, more people got to know Philadelphia, and it was encouraging for them to hear about people elsewhere in the world who also, despite having their struggles, can find comfort in the good news of our Lord Jesus.

We thank God for adding this program to our ministry.



Thank you for supporting us materially, financially, and for keeping us in your prayers. Through your support, our work can reach the lives of many children and their families and communities.