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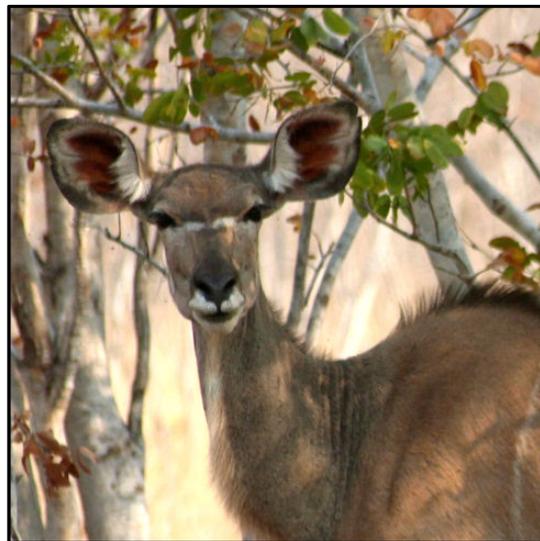
Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - August, 2012

August was a very busy month for us! As we mentioned in our July update, we are now in Namibia, Africa, helping with the Children of Zion Village orphanage – but before we left for Africa we had something exciting!

Ed had the opportunity to preach at Snellville UMC in Snellville, GA. The church had their Faith Promise week-end in August, and Ed was invited to present a missions sermon. It was a pleasure for him to preach 3 services in English. We then attended the Spanish service where Ed got to preach in Spanish. We felt right at home, the church-goers even had a great lunch after the service. That was barbeque after the English services and Latino food after the Spanish services.



The trip to Namibia is a 3 day adventure – not all flying, but due to the 6 hour time change and needing to overnight in Johannesburg, South Africa. We departed Atlanta on Monday and arrived in Botswana on Wednesday, August 22nd. The drive from Kasane, Botswana to



the orphanage in Namibia is only about 3 hours, but is through the Chobe National Park. It was a great introduction to the wild life of this area. We had wanted to see zebras and giraffes in the wild, and practically the first animal we saw was a zebra! Here he is blending in with the brush. We also saw monkeys, baboons, elephants, a sable, and kudus (like a big deer).



It was interesting to board the Air Botswana plane and see this sign. With so many hunters visiting, boarding a plane here in Africa with a weapon isn't that unusual.

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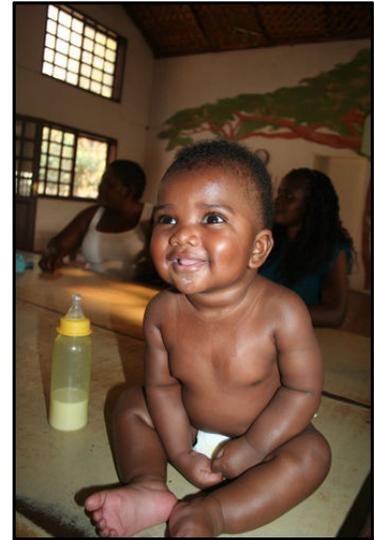


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The children at the orphanage are precious – as are all children from every country. Our job here is to assist the local Namibian team running the home, which has about 60 children, most of who are orphans whose parents have died of AIDS. The incident of HIV/AIDS in the Caprivi region of Namibia where we are is over 40%!! Several of the children are HIV+ and received the disease from their mothers at birth. The Government provides the antiretroviral drugs free of charge, which will allow these kids to have a somewhat “normal” life – at least for a while. The goal here is to bring in the sick kids, fatten them and teach them about Jesus. Ed is leading the worship service on Sundays. Linda is loving on a lot of kids, and will start helping with the cooking as school resumes this upcoming week.



This past week has been a holiday for the children, and many of them returned to their villages. Today, Sept. 2nd, we'll spend the day picking up the children to start this term of school on Tuesday.



So, here we are in Katima Mulilo, Namibia at the Children of Zion Village orphanage. We'll be here till the middle of October. We continue to ask for your prayers for patience, health, and God's grace as we minister to these precious children.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*

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