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Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - September, 2012

It's hard to believe that September is only 30 days long. For us living here in Namibia, Africa, it seems like a life-time. Our many years living in South America did prepare us for the heat of September. We're heading into summer, which we have experienced before in September. Are you North Americans really playing football with temperatures over 100°F? We've had some very exciting experiences this month. The primary sponsoring church for the orphanage, Mt. Zion UMC in Bel Air, MD, held their 2nd annual Race Across the World fund raiser for the Village. Our kids here ran around our soccer field the same day church members had a similar race. Our children received a small piece of candy for each lap they ran. As you can see, some of the children needed help with their "running".



2 year old Nsala needed a little help



7 month old Mafenyeho also needed help at the finish line

This month our older children – those in grade 8 and above – were living in hostels at their schools. The national school system provides a type of boarding school environment for the older children. There are 19 children from Zion attending these schools and are considered "out schoolers". We still have 27 children currently in residence, which makes for lots of drama!

We had about 10 children (including us adults) with upper respiratory infections. We finally loaded them all up in the van and took them to the State-run hospital. The children receive free medical attention at the hospital, and they each got lots of meds. It took them about a week to recover, but now the mood in the home is much more "lively"! We're glad everyone isn't sick anymore, but oh my – the noise!

Serving here at the Village has been an intern with The Mission Society, Makinsey Allen. She arrived in Namibia in February, and had planned on staying till December. Unfortunately, the Namibian government denied an extension of her visa, so we had to say "goodbye" to our friend on Sept. 23rd. It's been hard without those extra loving hands, and the children have missed her.



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Living here in Southern Africa is a little different. In South & Central America our “house mates” were usually reptile animals. Here in Africa, we have lots of new animals to enjoy. We even have a bush baby living in our attic. We had the opportunity to see him one day, and they are different! He is the size & coloring similar to a squirrel, but has huge eyes and ears.

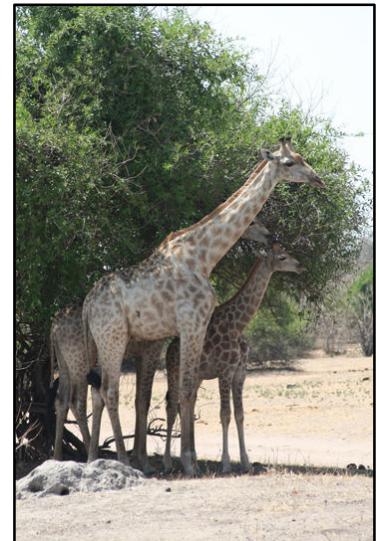
They are nocturnal, so it was a treat to catch him outside during the day.



We also have had the opportunity to go on a land safari. We'll never be able to go to a zoo again after seeing animals in the wild. We've seen lions, leopards, hippos, giraffes, zebras, kudus, impalas, sables, elephants, and lots more. We'll set up a gallery on our web site to share some of our photos.



Linda's birthday was Sept. 28th, and we actually took the day off! We arranged for a driver to take us to



Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. It took 8 border crossings to get there, driving through 3 different countries. It was a good day to just enjoy God's Kingdom – without 27 pairs of eyes “helping”.

We have 9 children here at the Village who are HIV+. When the children went to the hospital with respiratory problems, tests showed that one of the boys had contracted TB. He is now going for daily shots, and is on additional medications. Please pray for this young man as he faces his many medical battles. We also ask for continued prayers as we have 2 ½ more weeks here in Namibia. We continually ask ourselves and God – what are we to learn from this experience? We're sure that He has a reason for us being here in Namibia.

*In His Service,
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