

# Letter of the year 2019

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Since 9 month Misheck manages the orphanage Ngatuve vatere - together with Gisella, the ministry, Kalkfeld e.V. and Chamaeleon foundation.

With the help of WhatsApp, E-Mail and Skype a Stand-by communication is possible – problems can be discussend asap – decisions can be made easily and projects can be stared soon. This makes our work much more easier.

Vanessa reports: In Mai 2019, exactly 5 years after our first trip to Namibia, Bibi and I made a „Namibia Revival Trip“. We stayed four days at the orphanage and had a lot of fun with the kids. We played with toys, did a lot of jigsaws and helped the kids with their homeworks. The orphanage bought five goats because they want to become goat breeders to earn some extra money. We also made a big shopping trip to Otjiwarongo, where we bought a lot of groceries, and of course many vegetables and fruits. Additionally we bought new lights for the rooms and shoes for all kids.



It is nice to see the positive development of the children. They are act very independently but care for each other and of course the younger children. Mishek is managing the orphanage in an exemplary manner. He cares selflessly for the children and gives them a structure in their every day life. We are very happy to see the orphanage's amazing development in the last five years.

At the moment Misheck builds with his team and local workers a shadow roof for the garden. It is necessary beause of the strong Namibian sun. In the future he wants to plant fruit trees.

Actually there are 25 kids at the orphanage. The age of the kids varies between a few months (there are two babies) and 16 years. Seven house mothers, a gardener and a house keeper are working at the orphanage and taking care of the kids.



We – Desirée and Marc – lived and worked at the orphanage during our sabbatical from June to August. Together with the kids we build up a playground, including a climbing frame and a swing. We also constructed a car out of leftover materials, based on the ideas of the kids. This was an absolute hit, and from now on we took many imaginary tours into the big world. To plan those trips an atlas, a globe and a world map were very helpful.

Besides bigger projects like building up a snake protection fence, expanding the chicken stall (meanwhile there are 25 chickens and a cock living at the orphanage) we also renovated the bed- and bathrooms and decorated the rooms with posters and pictures of the kids. Of course we also played, did jigsaws and danced a lot with the kids.

In the afternoons we did not only do exercises for reading, writing and math with the small ones but also supported the older kids with the preparations for their exams.

We didn't only focus on school qualifications but also trained them how to use a hammer, a saw, tongs and many other tools.

These shared activities and the payed attention meant a lot to the kids and also to the supervisors. It have been three very emotional and wonderful months there. We were able to make a little bit of a difference.



***In future:** We want to engage a teacher from Kalkfeld who will help the kids 4 times a week for 2 hours a day to mak theire homework and prepares them for the hight school in Otjiwarongo and the University in Windhuk. Actual Rioldes is a promising candidate for the university in 2021.*

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