

Newsletter

October to December 2019

“Christmas time is a special time in a child’s life.

Smiles and laughter should be shared endlessly...

Thank you for sharing the love, compassion and care endlessly.”

Dear friends, sponsors, partners and colleagues

Thank you to all our partners who continually trust and support our projects. We cannot do it alone and together we can make a small difference in someone’s life.

2019 is quickly coming to an end and we have been busy packing Christmas bags and distributing them all around the country while assisting various associations with their year-end Christmas lunch. Our last newsletter of 2019 will be short and sweet. Please find below a quick update on some of the projects Gondwana Care Trust assisted with in the past few weeks.

This is just a summary, so please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [dqiniv\(at\)iway.na](mailto:dqiniv(at)iway.na) for further details on any of the following projects. It is always difficult to keep feedback short on the amazing work these incredible associations and/or individuals achieve for their community and children every day.

The Trust regularly donates vouchers to assist with raffles and fundraisers. Smaller donations are made to assist projects and we do not always name all these donations. Please note that we do not favour cash donations. We are always looking for new projects to extend a helping hand when needed. The aim is not to create dependence but to empower the individual to carry on with the project in a sustainable manner.

Assistance comes in many forms. We are extremely blessed to have generous business partners who have helped us with our projects.

GRACE ORGANISATION

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The Grace Project is a non-profit, community-based project that reaches out to the marginalised people in different communities throughout Namibia. It contributes towards these people's basic livelihoods, providing them with necessities such as food, clothes, blankets, etc. The project also attends to their psychosocial needs by providing social welfare services such as counselling and referrals to individuals in need.

Henties Medical Outreach 20–22 September 2019

The Grace Project held a Medical Outreach at the town of Henties Bay over the weekend of the 20-22 September with a team of 6 doctors, 2 dentists, a pharmacist and a sonographer, along with approximately 40 volunteers that served the community of Henties Bay with free medical help.

Over the two days, 626 people received medical assistance. The ladies were spoiled with a free manicure and pedicure and the gentlemen received a free haircut and beard trim. Whilst the patients were waiting in line to consult a doctor, they were served with a cooldrink and a sandwich.

Gondwana Care Trust was pleased to sponsor chicken and meat toward the day.

The Grace Project also distributes food packages to the families on a monthly basis, especially to pensioners. Currently about 170 households, which have been identified by board members as well as people in the community, benefit from this aid on an ongoing basis.

Gondwana Care Trust assisted the Grace Organisation by donating N\$30 000.00

worth of groceries for individual Christmas hampers for the elders so they can enjoy the festive season! Thank you for this wonderful initiative.

A lot of the elders have kept their bucket from the previous year, so the Grace Organisation can refill the bucket this year.

Some of the goods purchased with the Gondwana Care Trust sponsorship. The order is placed and the invoice is then paid by the Trust for the goods to be collected.

MARIENTAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Project co-ordinator: Ms. Swart, Grade 2 teacher

Ms. Swart from Mariental PS has once again decided to have her learners take on the capital city of Namibia by storm! Together with 36 Grade 2 learners and 8 adults, they travelled to Windhoek and back to Mariental by train. For many learners, this was a first-time experience in a train and a fun adventure. The learners visited amongst others, the Parliament, the State house, the museum, and the municipal swimming pool.

Gondwana Care Trust sponsored all 44 return train tickets. Total Value: N\$6 536.00

What an adventure and such a great opportunity for the learners to expand their horizon and visit some of our monuments. Many learners do not get the chance to go on such educational trips.

Many thanks for the dedication of their teacher. The Grade 2 learners enjoyed their trip and it looks like they had loads of fun.

KANONO COMBINED SCHOOL

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Kanono Combined School has been established in 1961 and it is one of the oldest schools in the region with over 460 learners from grade 0 to 9. The school offers I.C.T. (Information, Communication, and Technology) as a subject but only theoretical classes. This is due to the fact that the school does not have a single computer. The school has the infrastructure to receive computers with the possibility of an internet connection. They received Wi-Fi in January 2019.

The school has raised funds towards the project, and after the Gondwana Care Trust agreed on assisting, the classroom was secured with burglar bars and an alarm system was installed.

Gondwana Care Trust purchased the first 10 computers and basic programmes were added with an anti-virus system. Total value: N\$26 500.00 (excl. programmes)

The computers will be delivered in January 2020 when school reopens, since they were only delivered in November at Kanono Combined School. All public schools already closed on 22nd November 2019.

We will need further funds to buy 15 more computers needed by the school by March 2020.

If you want to support Gondwana Care Trust in this project, please contact Dgini for further information. Computer literacy is nowadays a requirement in tertiary education and the workplace. Kanono Combined School is proud to be one of the first schools to offer this subject in the region. To add the practical side of the subject can only benefit the learners. Pictures of the first 10 computer handovers will be posted in the new year.

HOPE VILLAGE

Windhoek

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Hope Village is an orphanage in Windhoek (Namibia), which takes care of victims affected

by HIV/AIDS. More than 80 children are currently living there.

Hope Village is situated in the middle of Katutura, a township near Windhoek. It consists of four houses with 24 children in each house. The children are referred to Hope Village by Child Protection, the hospital or a social worker. Furthermore, there is a vegetable garden, producing healthy food for the children.

Gondwana Care Trust sponsored Hope Village with a brand-new fridge and they are now a recipient of the Meals For Two programme. This ensures that the children receive a balanced meal with me. As from next year, they will receive some additional goods to ensure that they receive a healthy meal every day.

Thank you to our partners, Sea Pride & Deep Catch and Bank Windhoek for their support.

Hope Village also received bags from the Christmas bag project. Pictures to be shared in the next newsletter in the New Year.

DAWID KHAMUXAB SECONDARY SCHOOL

Seringkop / Etosha

Thank you, Etosha Safari Lodge team, for visiting Dawid Khamuxab hostel and delivering some crockery to the hostel and school kitchen.

Top learners at Dawid Khamuxab were awarded with a Christmas bag this year filled with a stationery kit, sweets, a small hygienic set, a gift according to the age and gender of the child, and a small meal to share with the family, thanks to our sponsors. A big thanks to Windhoek Textiles for their incredible support – we were able to add linen and towels.

OHAJUUNA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Opuwo

Project co-ordinators: Ms Konni (Palmwag Lodge)

Mr Andrew (Omarunga Epupa-Falls Camp)

Gondwana Care Trust, with the help of Meme Konni and Tate Andrew from the north-west of Namibia has been visiting some of the schools in the area. A lot of schools have very little to get by and yet they still offer classes to many learners in the area.

A few of these schools have received Christmas bags and we will keep you updated on their needs when schools reopen in 2020. To end the year and print the most needed exam papers, Gondwana Care Trust gladly sponsored cartridges/toner to Ohajuuna PS.

Pictures of the Christmas bag handovers will follow.

XMAS BAG PROJECT 2019

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This year Namibia is experiencing the worst drought in over 50 years and we know that many families suffer the disastrous consequences. Therefore the Gondwana Care Trust has decided to go one step further with the Christmas bags by adding a basic set for a meal so the family can enjoy a warm meal together.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GUESTS WHO HAVE PURCHASED A GONDWANA CARE TRUST BAG!

Thank you to the following sponsors and donors for their amazing contribution in goods, cash donations or discounts.

THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS HOW MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE YOUR SUPPORT HAD MADE THIS YEAR IN OUR CHRISTMAS BAG PROJECT!

Gondwana team and friends – Jacky Shaanika, Emser Family, Hurter Family, Hartung Family, Tessa Albrightson, Steny & the sales team @ Gondwana - Esmée Bay View Salon

(Wbay) – Lescurat Family – Ms Connie – Ms Silke Ahrens – ADS Wdh – Visser Family -
Nortje Family

Thank you to all the wonderful individuals for their contributions. Thank you!

Should you still want to contribute with a cash donation, please find our bank details below.

Please add your name/Xmas as a reference for your contribution.

Bank Windhoek Limited
Gondwana Care Trust
Maerua Mall Branch / 483 872
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List of schools and xmas bags recipients:

Pictures will follow in our next newsletter in 2020!

We would like to wish you all a blessed and safe festive season, from every corner of Namibia. Thank you to all of you who have contributed in sharing the LOVE, COMPASSION AND CARE endlessly!

We have a few more projects lined up. Please contact the Trust if you would like more information.

We cannot thank you enough for your support!

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