

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP)

### TERM 2 (May – August)

188 children attended the ASP in Term 2 and the average daily attendance was 61 children.

### INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR

Two international teams assisted at the ASP during the Term.



*Pip, Cherith, David and Richard from the Scottish Team running games for the children*

The first was from the Gilcomston South Church of Scotland in Aberdeen, the home church of SIM missionaries Paul and Hilary Gunning. They were here for two weeks at the end of June and did a fantastic job running a Bible Club program for the children each afternoon.

The second was through Africa Inland Mission Canada and came for six weeks in July/August. Tim, Becky, Justin, Amanda, Cecilly and Katie worked hard tutoring the children, especially those in Grades 1 to 4, helping with the sports, Bible Club and craft activities and running a special Bible program during the last week of the Term. The water fight on the last day was very memorable!



*The AIM Team with ASP volunteers (L to R) Hauta, Absalom, Lazarus and Martin*

In addition to the teams, three nursing students (Melanie, Carly and Danelle) who were also in Namibia through AIM Canada helped out two afternoons a week.

### DONATIONS

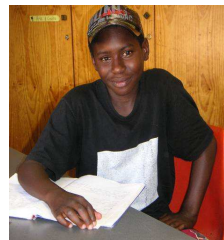
One of these students, Danelle LeBlanc, donated some money for sports equipment. The children were very excited to see new soccer balls, rugby balls, a cricket set, darts and cones. The AIM Team also brought some sports gear, so now we have a good variety of sports to offer the children.

A big thank you also goes to Bicycle Empowerment Network (BEN) Namibia, who donated six bicycles to the ASP volunteers. This makes their transport to and from the Program much easier.



*Lazarus, Martin and Absalom with their bikes*

### Meet the children



**Name:** Erastus Kuutondokwa  
**Age & Grade:**

15 years old, in Grade 9

**Favourite Subjects:** Business, History

**Wants to be:** an Accountant

Erastus lives with his aunt as his mother works in the north of the country and his father passed away suddenly last year.

His neighbour, a boy named Avia in Grade 7, has been coming to the ASP since 2007 and told Erastus how much he enjoys it. Erastus found being at home by himself after school boring, so he decided to come along with Avia to the ASP. And he hasn't missed a day since then!

Erastus is proud of the fact that he hasn't failed a grade and is hoping that coming to the ASP will help him continue to do well at school.

### TERM 3 (September – November)

The term has started well with 140 children already registered and high average daily attendances of 71 children in September and 77 children in October. The highest daily attendance so far has been 85 children – now that was a busy day!

#### NEW FACES

Rahel Widmer, a volunteer from SIM Switzerland, joins the ASP team from Term 3 2008 until mid-2009. She has training and experience in children's ministry and loves working with young children.

A new activity the children can try this term is creative dance, run on Thursday afternoons by Ujandja Veii. Ujandja is a talented young lady from the church who especially enjoys hip-hop and creative dancing.



*Ujandja puts the children through their paces*

#### Life Stories

This year one of the activities for the children in Grades 6 to 12 has been a Life Skills group. Through this they have learned that everyone is special; the importance of accepting and respecting each other; how to make good decisions; and facts about HIV and AIDS.

While we were talking about the pressures that young people face, many of the children shared about the pressure to have sex that they experience.

One girl told us about her sister in Grade 10, who constantly gets approached by older, often married, men who are interested in a 'relationship' with her.

Others talked about peer pressure and boyfriends or girlfriends who demand sex.

These are issues that our children face regularly and we want to equip them with the skills to make the right choices for their lives.



### HOME BASED CARE PROGRAM (HBC)



Meet Edler, Jogbeth and Aline (above, from left to right), the Carers in our newly-started Home Based Care Program.

Between them they are currently visiting eight clients, all of whom are HIV-positive and taking anti-retrovirals (medication used when HIV has reached an advanced stage).

Apart from assistance when a client is sick, the HBC provides support and counselling, as well as help and education to the clients' families. Often the households have practical needs such as for food or medicine; sometimes the clients may just need the encouragement of someone caring enough to listen to, and pray with, them.

#### HOW DO YOU...?

One of Jogbeth's clients is Susanna\*, a nine-year-old girl whose family did not know how to tell her that she is HIV-positive. Shortly after starting to visit the home, Jogbeth saw that Susanna didn't understand why she needs to take medicine every day. After speaking with the parents, everyone agreed that Susanna needed to know the truth. So Jogbeth explained the disease to her and the fact that taking the medicine properly will help her stay healthy. Susanna had many questions but was able to accept this. Jogbeth now needs to talk with Susanna's brothers and sisters so that they can also understand and help Susanna. *\*not her real name*

This is just an example of the many challenging situations our Carers encounter, please pray for them!

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