

Hamburg, Easter 2015

Dear friends and supporters,

The first term is almost over for our steps-children in Namibia and they are all looking forward to Easter. We also wish you a happy Easter! With this newsletter, we send you heart-felt greetings and a big thank you from our teachers in the steps-projects.

Our teachers encourage young people

The teachers at steps look after the children with great love at all times. They create an important foundation for the children's education and thereby for their future life. With their help the children who otherwise have no chances in life obtain a perspective. Well trained teachers are a valuable investment in the future of the children, who live in the poor quarters of Okakarara, Gobabis, Rehoboth, Otavi and Okahandja. On the one hand, your donations enable the training of our teaching staff at state-approved institutions such as the *Namibian College of Open Learning* (NAMCOL). On the other hand, the work with the voluntary experts from Germany is a great enrichment.





Sabine Bohlen-Roß and Sonja Schneider-Waterberg have just run a three day workshop for our teachers in Rehoboth. Frau Bohlen-Roß is an elementary school teacher and educational advisor from Hamburg. Thanks to SES (Senior Expert Service), an organisation that sends voluntary experts abroad to help people to help themselves, she is regularly in Okakarara. She has developed training programmes that fit perfectly to our teachers.



Since the beginning of our pilot project Sonja has been the local manager of our project in Okakarara. Having worked as a teacher in Hamburg, she is well-suited for the educational initiatives in Okakarara to which she devotes herself. The aim of the workshops in Rehoboth was that both women should pass on their knowledge and experience to the local teachers. Among other things our teachers received helpful tips on how to decorate and arrange a classroom. The teachers from the “Otto Gamseb” and “Heart for the Children” projects were very grateful for this workshop. As a next step we are planning that teachers from Rehoboth experience the pre-school training in Okakarara in order to gain more skills which they can then introduce and put into practice in their own classes in Rehoboth.

The managers of both projects passed on their thanks with the words: „Sonja and Sabine are wonderful, loveable and caring people. It was a blessing to us. We also want to say thanks to steps who help us in so many ways.” We would like to pass on our thanks to all our wonderful supporters. With your help, we want to better the children’s and young people’s prospects and chances in life. The financing of the teacher’s salaries as well as their further training are vital to achieve this goal. Through your long-term support we can safeguard the ongoing activities and open up future perspectives. Help us with your donation and support our work for a better future for children in Namibia!

Donate now for the education of our steps-children

Both small and large presents help.

Would you like to donate to another cause?
 Would you like to give a donation at Easter instead of a present?
 Would you like to give joy to a loving person on a special occasion?

On our website you can find useful possibilities on how you can support children in need in Namibia. Help us with a donation so that we can soon start on building the school in Rehoboth.



Every donation helps. You will be investing in the future of children in need. Please donate to the steps for children foundation:

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We wish you a Happy Easter and send you warm greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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