

Celebrations!



From the Editor



Namibia is enjoying its summer holiday and Christmas is around the corner. In November general elections were held fair and peacefully, but continuous drought, economic malaise and high unemployment (in the age group under 35 unemployment is approaching 50%) hinder development and leave people in the margins of society.

The economic crisis is also felt at Wake up! as we try to generate 80% of funds needed to run the centre ourselves. But as parents feel the pinch, it becomes harder to collect school fees. We sponsor as many children as we can, but as the state does not support us at all, there is a limit to what we can do. The search for funds to make ends meet is ongoing, especially in the light of the expansion of the centre this year.



What goes unchallenged is the knowledge that early education is the key to a fair and successful start in primary school, which should be available to every child. Therefore we will keep on doing what we do best: opening young minds!

Wishing all our readers the very best for 2020!

Joining Hands

We are very happy to announce that the Protestant Church in Noordwijk, The Netherlands, has chosen Wake up! as the project to support for the coming three years. This church attaches great importance to social work and sharing with those in need. From our side we will share with them what is going on at the centre and how we try to fulfil our mission of education for all.



We also like to mention Wilde Ganzen as a most valuable partner this year who made the first (2010) and the last construction phase of our centre possible. Their approach of supplementing funds raised through local initiative is a great motor for action.



Both these sponsors have been brought about by our partners in The Netherlands, the Stichting Wake up Noordwijk, who have supported us from the start by means of on-going fundraising efforts. Thanks to this amazing team we end the year with three more classrooms and a flat for the caretaker. Lastly, we like to say thanks to all our readers / regular donors who keep us at heart! On the photo to the right the Dutch team is visiting Loes in Germany to discuss the way forward.



Fundraising on Election Day



On Election Day board-members and parents took the opportunity to raise funds, firing up the braai. Also interest was raised among potential new parents. There are many things our community can do and every bit helps!

Sharing Happiness!

Wake up! congratulates Willem and Janet on their marriage and would like to say a big thank you for their generous gift of €1600 towards our centre. This spirit of sharing is truly special and helps us to stay afloat!

