

## Corona hits hard

In Namibia the Corona epidemic did not cause major havoc until June this year. Then the third wave hit hard. Namibia currently has the world's highest daily death rate according to Our World in Data. An article on the BBC website of the 15th of July recounts the story of former Namibian football star Marley Ngarizemo who lost 15 relatives this month and has 6 relatives still in hospital.

The cause of this surge is a government failing to introduce tighter restrictions and act in time, a lack of oxygen and vaccines, misinformation on social media regarding medication and vaccination and communities, especially young people, not taking personal responsibility and bringing the virus home. Funerals became super-spreader events. Hospitals cannot cope with the rise in cases and the government has built makeshift hospitals to accommodate patients. But even with those, health facilities and healthcare workers cannot keep up. During a sombre address to the nation at the end of June, President Hage Geingob told Namibians that the worst is yet to come. "Expert projections and simulation tools indicate that this third wave is expected to peak around mid-August and may continue well until mid-September". A raft of lockdown measures was announced.

Our centre is thus closed again. The winter holiday was brought forward, in the hope that after the centre can re-open for the last term of the year. What we know now is that one of our parents succumbed to Corona. These circumstances have asked for a survival strategy. It has not been possible this year to make ends meet or initiate new developments. All staff members receive half salaries since April 2020 and even that is under threat as more parents are keeping their children home. We are very grateful for the support of the Protestant Church in Noordwijk, the actions of our partners in the Netherlands and the contributions of our donors. You keep our little ship afloat! We hope to be able to bring you better news later this year.



## Winter in the preschool classroom



Counting of big numbers



Counting 11-19



Colouring an elephant



Which animal belongs to which continent?

## Volunteering for Wake up!

The owner of bookshop Moby Dick in Noordwijk donated €500 to Wake up! for the job of checking and rectifying 4000 book titles. On a Friday evening he organised a group of enthusiastic volunteers to get the job done. Thank you Wim, friends of Wake up! and youngsters of the church!

