

## Ecumenical Journal - Namibia Partnership Committee

### We are partners in Christ

The partnership between the church district of Wetzlar and the church district of Windhoek / Namibia has existed since 1980. At that time, against the background of apartheid in South Africa and Namibia, the district synod decided to start this partnership in order to better understand and support the people.

Since Namibia's independence in 1990, there have been many opportunities for encounter, exchange and common ecumenical learning. Our churches and countries are very different, but in our faith we are united.

The actions and encounters are organized for the congregations in the church district by the Namibia Committee.

In the following, we present the partnership work in highlights:

#### Exchange programs

- Youth exchange programs (also trilateral)
- Ecumenical learning exchange program (two young people worked in each other's country)
- choir projects (Bridgewalkers)
- Rev. Lorenst Kuzatjike as ecumenical co-worker in the church district

#### Information of the communities and support of the partners

- Benefit gala and partnership service on Pentecost weekend
- Booth "Church outside in Advent
- Public relations
- Friends of Okuryangawa: Support for the community in the care of preschool and school children in a Day Care Center

#### Joint projects

- Construction of a solar plant on the roof of a church congregation in Namibia
- Basic income guarantee (BIG)
- Support for kindergartens and construction projects (playground, toilets, rectory, church building)

#### Encounters with the partners

- Delegation visits
- Encounter Visits

#### Occasional support

- Sudden illnesses of pastors eased by donations
- Corona Aids: Clinical thermometers, disinfectants, masks
- Drought relief

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Pictures:

1. View from Okuryangawa to Katutura (Photo: Christiane Esser)
2. Encounter: People from Namibia and Germany 2013 (Photo: Margit Hartmann)
3. Day Care Center: Children, educator, visitors (Photo: Markus Weil)