



Dear Friends,

December 2015

"...and his name shall be called ...Mighty God ..."

We have a Congolese friend who was recently expelled from Namibia and brought to the USA (UNHCR contingency plan). Simon Kashindi had lived in Namibia for 15 years as a refugee, graduated from NETS with a BTh and worked as a pastor in a Namibian refugee camp. He even started a Bible School there. But then he had to leave with his wife and baby, not because they wanted to, but they had no other choice.

Sending an African who had lived for many years in a refugee camp surrounded by

desert to the Canadian border in winter was a real shock to the system. A church in Windhoek had collected money and warm clothes for them. Recently we had a phone call from Simon. They were 'dropped off' in Syracuse and given accommodation, but nothing else (no food, no papers, no orientation). We felt helpless and thought 'if only we knew someone in that part of the world who could help them...'

Change of scene: Six years ago our former mission leader Mick Rineer left Namibia for the US. Since then we have had no contact with him. Who would have thought that through the accumulation of the most unexpected circumstances God would bring Mick and us together in our living room last month for a good, brief chat, prayer and a precious discovery: Mick has a niece who happens to have a friend in Syracuse who works with refugees! This lady has since been instrumental in helping the Kashindi family to find their feet, Christian fellowship and even part-time work. What a Mighty God we serve!



**Simon and Seraphine Kashindi
with son Victoire**

“...and his name shall be called ...Everlasting Father...”



We have truly experienced our Lord as Everlasting Father as Thorsten battled various health issues this year, culminating in extremely reduced mobility in October/November. His loving care mobilised His people from all around the world to support us. Friends prayed in Hong Kong, Germany, Singapore, England and many other places. Countless Namibian friends came to visit, bring food and help in other practical ways. He has made

significant progress and can now walk normally. We hope that regular physio and exercises will eventually take away the numbness in his leg. We would appreciate your ongoing prayer for full healing. Thank you for all your support and encouragement!

“...and his name shall be called ... Prince of Peace ...”

Risto, an army chaplain and NETS graduate, recently showed the video clip 'Freed behind bars to serve' to some Namibia Defence Force (NDF) soldiers (www.nets.edu.na/videos.html). It is the biographical testimony of Kambau, a convicted murderer who became a Christian in prison. He was miraculously released 10 years early and became a full-time theology student at NETS. A few weeks ago Kambau was ordained as deacon into the Anglican Church.



**Kambau with his wife
Martha**

The clip caused a heated discussion amongst the soldiers about its validity. Word got around in the army and more soldiers were keen to watch it. As a result three men gave their life to Christ and Kambau had the privilege of baptising them. He was the honoured guest of the NDF who paid for all his expenses. All praise to our Prince of Peace who used a former convict to bring peace into the lives of these soldiers.

“...and his name shall be called ... Wonderful Counselor...”

As we look ahead to 2016 with some feelings of uncertainty, wondering where and how the Lord wants us to serve Him, we rest in the knowledge that He has always been and will be our Wonderful Counselor who will surely guide us. Thank you for your prayers in this regard.

Other news in brief...

- 24th November marked the day when six years of part-time study came to an end for Kerstin (BTh). It was an immense privilege to study theology while also getting alongside NETS students and mentoring them. **Praise God with us for this great achievement!**
- The position of Principal at NETS is still vacant. The college is currently being led by a team consisting of Board and staff members. **Please pray for a timely and wise appointment of a Namibian Principal.**
- Pray for our student Dean Paul Makai who will have his third round of chemotherapy just before Christmas.
- Pray for our former librarian David with wife Florence and daughter Laurretta who grieve the loss of their son Kundai (suicide).
- The City of Windhoek has declared a water crisis as the two dams currently supplying water are set to dry up in less than six months. In other parts of the country the drought has caused the death of many animals. **Please pray with us for rain!**

Thank you very much again for standing with us in prayer. We wish you a wonderful Christmas celebrating our Lord Jesus: the greatest gift ever!

With love in Him, *Thorsten & Kerstin*

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