



A paradise for abused children

"After I was born, my mother disappeared without a word and simply left me behind as a tiny baby. Merciful people took me in their family, so I grew up happily until my foster father died and my foster mother could no longer feed me.

When I was 13 years old, I was standing on the street with no one by my side. Despair overcame me, bad company came quickly, and I sank into misery and sadness. For years that seemed infinite, I felt abandoned from all over the world.

I was 19 when I met a man who made me feel safe, and we got married. Finally, the belief in God gave me the courage to take my life into my own hands."



When **Carmen Hoases** tells of her unfortunate childhood, she looks absent and lost. It is a miracle that she survived and her soul could recover.

With her husband Hannes, she moved to Henties Bay. She regularly went to the beach to pray and regain strength.

One day she noticed a boy searching for leftover food from the hotel's dumpster. She saw this boy almost every day, and one day she spoke to him. It turned out that the little one had no home, and she knew all too well how it felt.

In consultation with her husband, they took the street boy into their home. Word got around quickly and soon more and more children in need came to them.

A little girl was also left alone in the hospital by her mother and found a new home with Carmen and Hannes.

Neighbouring children who had no food at home came to her at noon and soon stayed in this oasis of peace and love all day.

Children from shattered families, beaten, tortured, raped, physically and mentally abused, took the couple into their home with them.

They now care for 32 children aged between 4 months and 17 years.

It has long been clear that she cannot feed these many children herself, because there is no state support for them. One or the other supermarket sometimes brings groceries, some companies and aid associations have helped with furniture, donations in kind and groceries over the years. But in reality, this vulnerable community mostly lives from hand to mouth.

There can hardly be more and better reasons to support this paradise for children who have suffered terrible things.

And so, the Volkswagen bus of Konny, to the roof was loaded with groceries, clothing, fresh fruits and vegetables, juices, milk and flour, sugar, salt, soups, canned goods, bread and much more.

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For the little ones there were baby diapers, creams and powder, baby soaps, oatmeal and toys. Of course, sweets were not to be missed! Cookies are very popular with all children and are rather rare in the orphanage.



When the blue bus came around the corner and the car doors opened, the children's mouths remained open with amazement and joy.

Help is coming. - The blue VW bus brings food and much more to Happy Land.

The little ones were also very happy about toys like this beautiful rocking horse.



Carmen was particularly happy about baby things like diapers, wet wipes, powder, shampoo and soaps.

Some of the little ones are HIV-positive and often have diarrhea.

This also makes daily care difficult and costly.

„Yah! There's plenty of food for everyone!“



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The **Swakopmund sports club SFC, Anja Rohwer** and many private donors from Swakopmund support the **“Mein Ball für Namibia”** (“My Ball for Namibia”) campaign around student **Tony Arjen Daugals** and his team.

The young people pack parcels for the needy and gave some to us: 30 bags with food, toys and clothes.

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!



Each child was allowed to unpack one of the bags and felt like a present for Christmas. The groceries were brought into the kitchen, and then the happy exchange of toys began.



Boys' bedroom.

The bunk beds were built by Lore Bohm, and her club. What a great help!

Girls' dormitory.

All rooms are extremely clean and tidy.



In this way, the children learn important things for their future.



The kitchen of the orphanage. Very clean and well maintained, but there is almost always a lack of supplies.

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Daniče Sass and the dedicated group of "**Swakop Mamas**" donated a whole shopping cart full of vegetables, canned goods, hygiene articles, soaps and more

*"You are great with your help from mom to mom!
Thank you so much!"*



Many thanks also to **Jens Detmold** from Swakopmund for his tireless help!



And of course, our big thanks go to **Carmen Hoases**.

It was so moving to experience this childlike joy and to look into the beaming children's faces that it was clear to us:

We will come back to you!



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