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Hello Pastor and Church Family,

In January, I was able to return to Namibia for a trip to survey our field. I was joined by my pastor and my field director for much of the trip and we were able to accomplish many objectives while in country.

First, formal language training for Afrikaans is not going to be readily available in Namibia, however, this is not a problem. We will still learn Afrikaans, however mostly through experience and tutoring. We also have begun learning German.

On a practical note, we were investigating the cost of living. Since our last trip, five years ago, costs seem to have stabilized tremendously. Food costs, imported goods, housing, and vehicles seem much more reasonable now and this is good news! We have been able to set our goals for support level a little lower than previously thought.

Another area of note that was pleasantly surprising on the trip was the ministry potential. The other Baptist missionary in the country has been there for about ten years now and when we met on this trip, he simply said, "Jeff, you are an answer to prayer. I have been looking for someone to pass our ministry to, I simply don't have anyone yet." He has a small church, a few Bible studies, a church property, approved blueprints for a 250 seat church, a radio building, a children's building, and a parsonage. After talking with him, my Pastor, and my director, we have concluded that if he will let me work with him for a short period of time, there is a wealth of information I will glean from the veteran missionary. While acclimating to the country's culture, language, people, and food we will be actively involved under the wings of an existing ministry. I am eager to work with him and be a blessing to his ministry. There is a real possibility, if the Lord directs, of inheriting his ministry and properties once he retires. He said, "Jeff, when I'm done, I might hand it all to you to keep it going." What an opportunity! It took him eight years to be approved to have the property and to build on it! If the Lord wills it, we could get an eight year head start on the ministry! Worst case scenario is that we get to set our hands immediately to the plow after arriving to the field and being a blessing to the veteran missionaries. The best case scenario, is we get to skip a lengthy process of acquiring a property for the location of our hub church, isn't God great?

Finally, we looked into visas and found that although the path to entry is not particularly easy, it is completely doable. We found a competent and connected lawyer to represent us while in country, and expect to get visas with little difficulty.

These are exciting times for your missionaries to Namibia. A lot of progress was made on this trip, now all we need is to get a few more supporters and we can get to work. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your support. Let's reach Namibia together for Christ.

Jeff Clifford

P.S. - In case you missed it, we have a new website! Cliffs2Namibia.com or find us on facebook!

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So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

I Thessalonians 2:8