

Namibia 2011

In July 2011, a group of young people along with five leaders went on a trip to Holy Trinity's link parish in Namibia. After a few days in the capital city, Windhoek, the group set off to spend some time at a kindergarten at Onaqwia, on their way up north. Here the group taught some songs to the children, provided equipment and played team games outside.

As they got to the north the group set up where they were going to be living for the three weeks, Rauha's traditional homestead. The group slept in wooden huts with thatched roves, washed clothes by hand and cooked in the kitchen. At schools that were visited, such as Okathitu Combined School, Tjihozu Primary School and Onangholo Combined School, the group received a lovely welcome, consisting of the girls dancing in traditional dress and lots of singing. In schools the group taught various subjects including English and maths.

Over the course of the month the group painted the inside and outside of four kindergartens with bright pictures and the name of each kindergarten on it. The children were given toys and games to use at the kindergartens that were taken over to Namibia from England; they were so happy and grateful.

The group attended church every Sunday, and Elliot did a sermon at Okathitu Church and Bethany did one at Ruacana Church. Whilst at Ruacana the group were taken to see Ruacana Falls, just on the border with Angola.

After the time up north was over, a goodbye ceremony was held at Okathitu School where the group gave a photograph album to the school and the group was given gifts. After this the group set off for Etosha National Park, where they spent two nights. At the national park many animals were seen such as zebra, elephants and springbok.

The whole group agreed that the 2011 trip to Namibia was a life-changing experience and extremely worthwhile.