

Dear friends of the House of Encouragement foundation

All the best for 2014!

We hope that stepping into the New Year has been as joyful for everybody as the old year came to an end for our Orphan Children in the Center Lesedi-Potlana.



Although the amusement park African Iceland is not far from Soshanguve, it was the first time for all kids to visit such a resort. First things first: All children returned home healthy – although very tired.

Of course, the day was expected with great anticipation. Many children stood before their first trip away from the township Soshanguve. The previous evening we cooked at the center and provided a delicious lunch. More than an hour before the scheduled departure the kids were gathering at the center, visibly and audibly full of excitement and anticipation. The bus ride took just under an hour, so that we arrived early enough to choose a good area to spend the day. Later on there were approximately 2,000 children in this venue. After a disciplined arrival there was no time for a little mid-morning snack! No sooner they had stored the bags, the children disappeared in groups to enjoy the various pools and playgrounds. For the first two and a half hours they amused themselves non-stop. The fact that not all children had swimming costumes did not bother anyone.





But eventually they were all hungry and needed a rest. We dished out the lunch of which was plenty for everyone. After the short brake they all went into the next round with swimming and playing until we had to call it a day and gather for a mid-afternoon snack. For the very hungry among them there was leftovers from the lunch but all enjoyed an ice cream before our bus took us back to Soshanguve.



All 62 children taking part in the outing thoroughly enjoyed the day which fortunately ended without any incidents.

Everybody was happy and we as caregivers and supervisors certainly were thankful as well and really grateful that we were able to make a day like this become true for „our" children.

Herzliche Grüsse aus Soshanguve

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