

Mammadu

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2022

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Dear all,

we left behind a 2021 full of difficulties and plunged into a 2022 that we hope will be full of satisfaction and a lot of normality.

After the Christmas holidays spent with their families, our children and teenagers returned to Mammadù to restart their school year.

Kids are growing up and the school path becomes more and more challenging, our and your desire is certainly to be close to them by supporting them in the best possible way.

We are sure that also in this new year you will be at our side and our promise is to make your closeness feel to the children as it has been up to now.

We are organizing ourselves so that contacts between "adoptive parents" and children become more and more frequent and we invite you to stay close to them, because together we can make them feel our affection and support.

We hope that this 2022 will again bring us the presence of volunteers at the Mammadù Center as a gift, their absence in these two years was a further difficulty that boys and staff had to face: Mammadù was born to be a big family where everyone gives themselves a hand and for this reason we want to return soon to work in a group with great benefit for children and teenagers.

In the meantime, life is slowly returning to normal, since the beginning of the year we have already celebrated several birthdays and children and teenagers have started having fun again in the new playground that has been finally refurbished thanks to the concrete help of one of our supporters.

We would like all of you to be ever closer to Mammadù and his boys and girls and we announce that we could have for you a big surprise that could, by the end of the year, give you a great opportunity to closer experience the reality of Mammadù.

But it is too early to talk about it, still several things have to happen, know that we are working for you, because we would the great family of Mammadù will be ever more united.

In these pages you will find the latest news from the Center and some "gems" to get to know our young people better.

I wish all of you and your families a happy Easter, also in the name of Mammadu Trust, of all the children and of our precious Staff.

Stefania Rabotti
(Mammadu Trust)

More and more this newsletter is becoming an open window on the life that takes place every day in Mammadu! We will let our children speak, and we will accompany you, a little at a time, to get to know Namibia starting from its capital Windhoek.

Roberto Spezzani - Mammadu Trust

THE SCHOOLS OF OUR KIDS

- *First bus stop* - Michelle McLean Primary School - There are three girls who attend this school, all in Grade 6, but not in the same class and they are **Eyesha**, **Otilie** and **Ovawa**.

Ella Du Plessis Secondary School



school that can be considered "historical" in its relationship with Mammadu, indeed, over the years, many of our children have attended it. Currently there are 5 girls and one boy wearing Hermann's turquoise and blue uniform: **Leonard** in Grade 1, **Rose-Mary** in Grade 3, **Ashley** in Grade 4 and the veterans **Jazuvira**, **Sesiria** and **Uzuvira** in Grade 7;

Elim Primary School - There are also many students of Elim with

their yellow ochre

uniform: **Regina**

attends Grade 4, **Godlieb** Grade 5, **Barack** and **Vino** Grade 6, **Queen** and **Rosa** Grade 7;

David Bzuidenhout Secondary School - Here **Tuisira** attends Grade 8 and **Ngunomuna** attends Grade 9;

- *Fourth bus stop* - Khomas High School -

This is **Benjamin's** new school who is enrolled in Grade 8 here;

- *Fifth bus stop* - Eros Girls - It is our gorgeous **Nono** to attend this school where she attends Grade 7;

Michelle McLean Primary School



Elim Primary School



David Bzuidenhout School



Khomas High School



Eros Girls School



and there are four of our boys who have the privilege of attending it: **Arumas**, **Petrus** and **Lukas** are in the same class in Grade 10, even from this year **Javaza** was added who is enrolled in Grade 8 by academic merits. Everyone attends this school thanks to the generosity of some of you, instead Lukas is sponsored directly by the school as member of the sports team.

- *Eighth bus stop* - return to Mammadu.

Combretum Trust School



Rocky Crest Primary School - **Meku** and **Rezelda** attend Grade 6 here and drive to their school every morning;

Theo Katjimuine School - **Vaka** also takes a taxi to her school where she attends Grade 6,

Hochland High School - Another Grade 8 freshgirl is **Vemu** who attends this high school which he reaches every morning by taxi;

Chairman Mao Zedong High School - This is the school attended by our **Kevin** who is enrolled in Grade 9;

DHPS - Deutsche Höhere



- *Sixth bus stop* - St. Paul College - This is one of the most prestigious schools in Windhoek and also one of the most demanding, in fact two of our most deserving students attend it, **Josia** is a Grade 9 member and **Vini** is enrolled to Grade 10.

- *Seventh bus stop* - Combretum Trust School - It is a prestigious private school in Windhoek

St. Paul College



The return tour takes place in reverse between 1 pm and 2 pm when everyone arrives in Mammadu for lunch served by our Meme Dina. Sometimes someone has to stop at school or come back in the afternoon for extra activities, sporting, recreational, cultural, etc ...

For logistical reasons, not all children use the Mammadu bus to reach their school:

OPS Otjomuise Primary School - **Gift** walks to his school every morning where he attends grade 4;

OPS Otjomuise Primary School

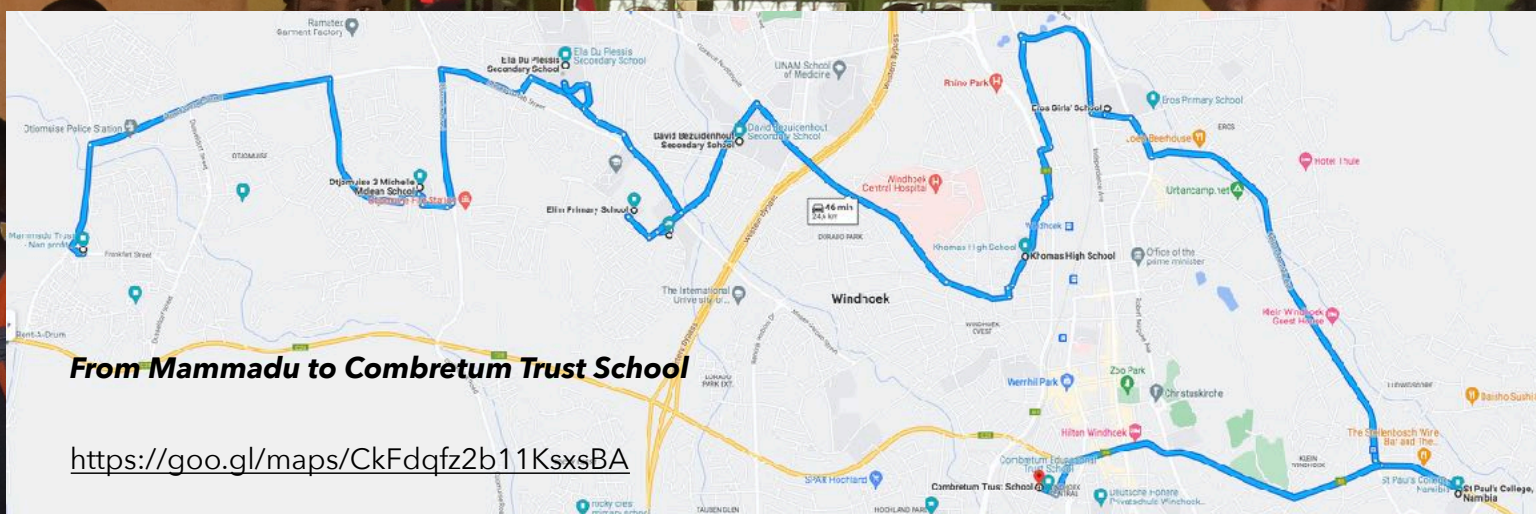


DHPS - Deutsche Höhere Privatschule - Prestigious German

institute, prepares children to attend the best universities in Europe and the rest of the world, here **Augusto** attends Grade 11 and lives in the school college.

A SCHOOL DAY IN MAMMADU!

The alarm clock rings early for our children and teenagers, because schools in Windhoek start at 7 am and therefore **the meeting in Mammadu**, for those who use our bus, **is set for 6 am**. Punctuality is a must, who is late stand there, with the consequences that we leave you to imagine. But let's go and discover the schools through the route that the bus guided by our **Daniel makes every day** through the streets of Windhoek; every day, in taking them to school and picking up back, he drives **68 km!**



From Mammadu to Combretum Trust School

<https://goo.gl/maps/CkFdqfz2b11KsxsBA>

STOPS OF THE BUS

First step

- Michelle McLean

Second step

- Ella Du Plessis Secondary School

Third step - The square which, in fact, serves three schools attended by our girls and our boys all located in the immediate vicinity:

- Hermann Gmeiner Primary School

- Elim Primary School

- David Bzuidenhout Secondary School

Fourth step

- Khomas High School

Fifth step

- Eros Girls

Sixth step

- St. Paul College

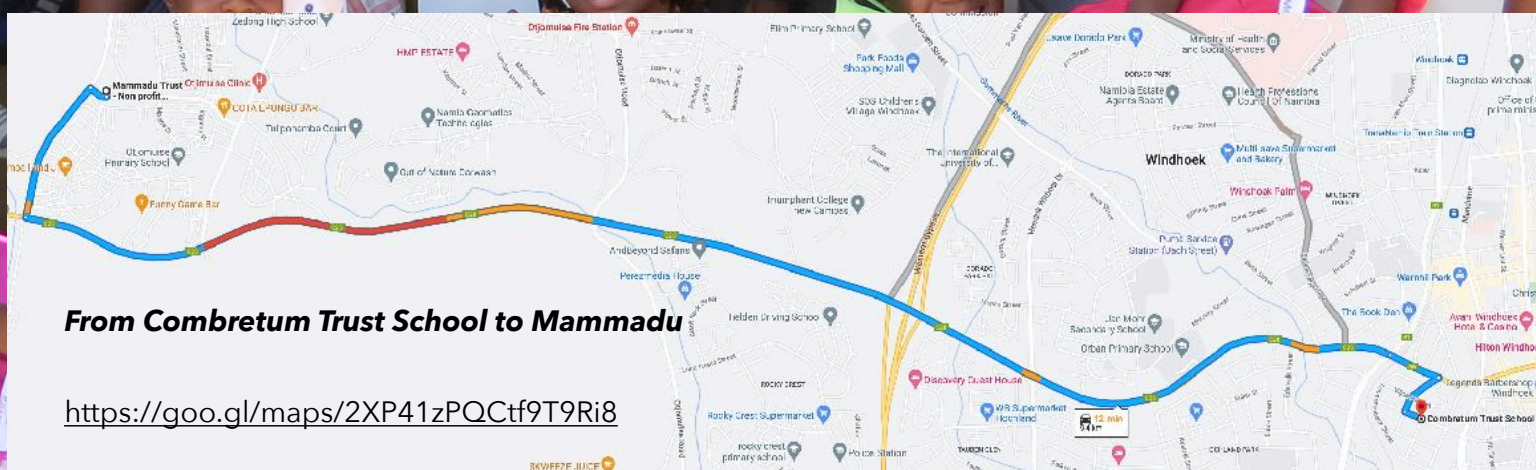
Seventh step

- Combretum Trust School

Eighth step

- Back to Mammadu

68 km round trip!



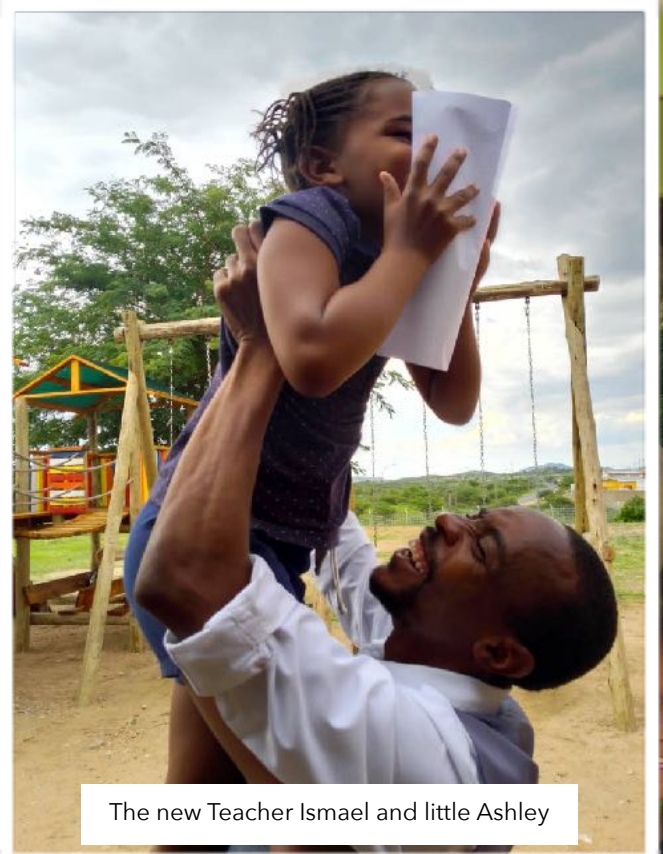
From Combretum Trust School to Mammadu

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THE NEW TEACHER

Since last June we have a new teacher who follows the kids in the afternoon class. His name is **Ismael Eneas Ntopoli**, he has a decade of experience in the school field despite being very young. He has a lot of patience with the kids, he is teaching them to read with expressiveness so that they can understand the concepts. He is focusing on word spelling and in mathematics he insists on multiplication tables. He cares a lot about his work and I am very satisfied.

Domenica Deiure (Mimma) - GM Mammadu



The new Teacher Ismael and little Ashley

THE NEW PLAYGROUND

Thanks to Erin Andrew's generous donation, we were able to restore a new playground for our children. This was built in mid-December after a long wait due to the lack of material in Namibia. Now everyone can go back to playing in complete peace of mind!

Domenica Deiure (Mimma) - GM Mammadu



Eyesha and Othilie



Vino and Vaka



The volunteer André with the kindergarten kids

CHILDREN SPEAKING

Viningirua Zaanavi

My name is Vini and I am 16 years old. I attend St Paul's College and play football. My hobbies are reading and hanging out with my friends. I have a small family which consists of my mother, my sisters and myself. My mother and father are separated so I don't live with him. My best friend is a guy named Lukas and one day I wish I could travel the world with him. In the future I hope to be able to study something in the geology matter. My favorite university would be Sapienza in Rome. I have been in Mammadu for just over 10 years. I enjoy it there and I have many friends

Jazuvira Ngezemba

My name is Jazuvira, my surname is Ngezemba. My date of birth is January 4th 2008 and I am still very young. I go to Hermann Gmainer school in Khomasdal. After school I go to Mammadu for the afternoon class. I have been attending Mammadu for 9 years and it helps me a lot in my education. When I grow up I would like to become an accountant so Mammadu will be proud of me. My favorite color is blue and I even have two blue suspenders. I love netball, singing and swimming and I also love playing video games on my phone. My favorite meal is pizza and my favorite dessert is yogurt with fruit.

I'm really afraid of chickens and thunder. I also like to draw and I am a really good artist. My favorite subject is math.

I have six brothers, with me we are seven. I have three best friends who are Vemu, Javaza and Mbeurora. I am not a dancer but I would like to learn to dance. Next year for high school I would like to go to Combretum Trust School. Bye bye ... Jesmen is my nickname !!!

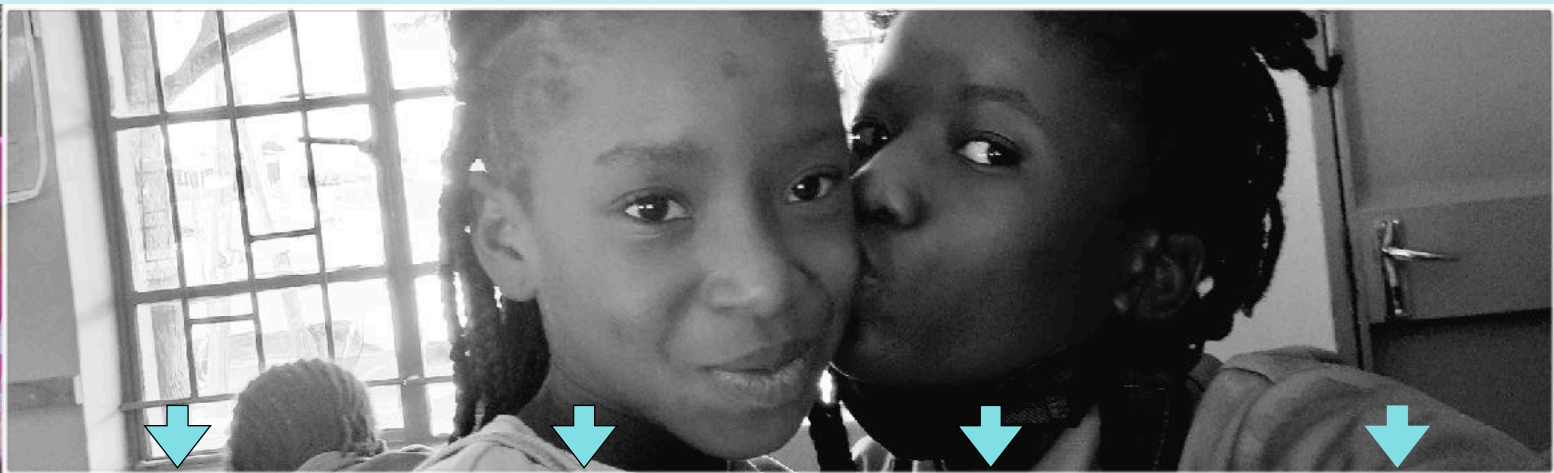


BIRTHDAYS

A birthday a little party ?! ... But also no !! ... so it would be a party every day !!

The boys since last year have proposed to celebrate the birthdays of the same month in a single day, in this way they get a bigger piece of cake !! How to blame them?

From January to March we celebrated the birthdays of:





Nono 01 Gen 2005 - Mbau Khaxa (for all Nono) has turned 17 year old and is the oldest of the girls. She attends an all-girls hospitality school, the Eros Girl.



Jazuvira 04 Gen 2008 - Jazu is a funny girl, always ready to joke. She talks about herself in the column "Children speaking".



Tuisira 26 Gen 2007 - Tuisira is a very quiet boy, he speaks very little and he is very good at school!



Barack 02 Feb 2010 - Barack is a very nice and sociable boy. He loves to play with Gift and have fun together!



Vaka 08 Feb 2010 - Vaka is a pretty little girl! She is a bit touchy, but she recovers immediately.



Sesiria 21 Feb 2008 - Sesiria is pure power! She is a beautiful and chatty little girl. Her mother says she has a lot of imagination and tells so many stories!



Kevin 21 Feb 2006 - His smile says everything! He is very sweet and is a good giant! "Hey Man give me five!".



Uzuvira 22 Feb 2008 - Uzu is super cute! She is very talkative and vain. We have found that she has remarkable singing skills. She sings and dances like a pro! She is the most enterprising.



Viningirua 25 Feb 2006 - Vini is a very reserved girl, very intelligent child and looks more than 16 years old. She talks about herself in the column "Children speaking".



Benjamin 03 Feb 2008 - Benji is one of the most "roguish" of our kids. The photo of him is from a few days after his birthday, the children celebrated him with a fresh shower!



Vino 05 Mar 20010 - Vino has a very calm character, she likes to study and gets along well with everyone! She is very sweet!



Rezelda 15 Mar 2010 - Rezelda is a beautiful little girl, she really likes to play and tease her friends!



WINDHOEK, THE CAPITAL OF NAMIBIA

Windhoek is the capital of Namibia. It stands on a plateau at 1650 m and has a population of **about 320 thousand inhabitants**.

Windhoek is located in a **semi-desert climatic region**. The days are mostly

hot, with very hot days during the summer months, and a strong temperature range between night and day. In the winter months of June, July and August the minimum temperatures vary between 5 ° C and 18 ° C and the nights are very cold. **Hosea Kutako International Airport**, located approximately 45 kilometers from the city, connects Windhoek with major cities directly or via Johannesburg. **It is a modern city**, characterized by large multi-lane streets where traffic has become quite strong in recent years. In Windhoek in recent years, **several Shopping Centers** have sprung up to rival those of the main European cities, among them the Grove Mall and the Merua Mall which house large food supermarkets and numerous shops of clothing, technology, home furnishings, toys, some belonging to large **commercial chains known all over the world**. Unfortunately, as happens in all large African cities, **the mirage of job opportunities**, far from the agricultural farms of origin, leads to the arrival in the city of thousands of people looking for work and fortune which, as a first impact, they face the enormous difficulty of finding a house in line with their financial resources. Particularly in Windhoek

the possibility of renting or buying a house even of very small dimensions is a privilege for very few because **the prices in the real estate sector are literally skyrocketing**. Hence the birth, in the outskirts of Windhoek, of **large shanty towns** that are expanding in an impressive way over the years. Among these, the most populous is Katutura, built in the north of the city, while in the west **Otjomuse** was born (originally the name that the Herero had given to the capital) where the Mammadù Center operates.



WHAT TO VISIT IN WINDHOEK



Lutheran **Christuskirche** ("Church of Christ") is Windhoek's most distinctive historic building and is one of the most striking examples of German colonial architecture in Africa. The church is located in the historic center, near the Parliament Gardens and **Tintenpalast** (in

German "Ink Palace"). In front of the church was the so-called **Reiterdenkmal**, a monument to the soldiers of the Schutztruppe who died during the Herero wars, replaced in 2014 by a monument with the statue of the father of the homeland, Sam Nujoma, who raises the constitution in his right hand.

Another important place of worship is the **Catholic**



Cathedral of Santa Maria, seat of the Archdiocese of Windhoek.

The most important historical monument is the **Alte Feste**, the old German fort which is located in the heart of the city near **Independence Avenue**, the main artery that crosses



the city center from north to south.

To the south of the city, on the road that leads from Windhoek to Rehoboth, on a hill, stands the **Heroes Acre**, a war memorial inaugurated on August 26, 2002. It is built as a symmetrical polygon with a marble obelisk and at center stands a bronze statue of the Unknown Soldier. There are 174 tombs, not all occupied.



SPEAK WITH ME

Interacting with the Mammadu children is important both for them and for the adoptive parents. Both have a loving interest in hearing news and knowing that everyone is well.

In the last two years, as we all know because of Covid, the children have not been able to attend schools, as well as the Mammadu center closed when the provisions required it.

*Luckily we got the license to host those kids who were studying by a formula of distance teaching, in order to give them **the opportunity of using a computer!***

We offered the usual services. When it wasn't possible to keep them for lunch, we provided them with meal bags which they politely ate at home with their families.

*But unfortunately, during the periods of closures due to the lockdown, the opportunity to communicate as usual with the adoptive parents was lacking. It is good to remember that **the interaction must take place on both sides**. Many parents do it, they don't wait for the message, maybe they come forward with a chat on whatsapp, a voice message, a photo. **Our boys are very sensitive** to these things, they know perfectly well that their future depends a lot on the help that arrives in Mammadu!*

Now that the pandemic period passed, we want to organize ourselves better with parent/child communication.

To avoid logistical problems, from February it was decided to divide the children into 4 groups and every Friday one group at a time will be able to communicate with their adoptive parent.

*As we are used to now, **my smartphone or my Whatsapp** is available for personal communications between children and adoptive parents.*

*Then our whatsapp group "**Mammadu Moms and Dads**" gives us the opportunity to communicate to you in real time anything of general interest and to the adoptive parents to send a greeting, a photo, a voice message, a small video.*

*It is understood that **adoptive parents are free to communicate** and contact their child at any time through my personal Whatsapp. In that case, it will be my responsibility to notify the interested party and send you a reply as soon as possible.*

Domenica Deiure (Mimma)

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