

# Hazels in Africa

Hope with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15



## Tsumkwe, Namibia TIMO Team Leaves January 2015

We will be living among the San Bushman. The San are considered the least of the least in Namibia, but in God's eyes they are of great value. Their recent history has been one of poverty, social rejection, decline of cultural identity and the discrimination of their rights as a group. Most live at the very bottom of the social scale. Yet, there is HOPE through Christ to bring meaning and purpose to their lives.

### The San for the Son!

Why do all dik-diks poop in the same place? There is an African animal story about the dik-dik and the elephant which explains why. A dik-dik is a small antelope, about a foot tall, sort of a cross between an antelope and a rabbit. They are shy and live in deep brush. However, they are full of bravado, and this story illustrates that quite well.



One day, long ago when the earth was new, Dik-dik was walking down his path through the brush not paying any attention to where he was walking, when he tripped and fell. Getting to his feet he looked around to see what had tripped him so badly. Seeing it was a pile of elephant dung, Dik-dik became very angry at Elephant for being so inconsiderate, and he decided to teach him a lesson. Finding a path that he knew Elephant traveled, he pooped right in the middle of it, and then hid in the bushes to see what happened. As you might have guessed, nothing happened, a Dik-dik only poops little pellets, Elephant didn't even notice there was something in his path!

Dik-dik thought for a while about how he could get his revenge. Then he had an idea. He went to all of his friends and family, and he had a lot of them! He asked all his friends and family to help him make their dung pile high enough to trip Elephant. So to this day, all dik-dik poop in one big pile.

Our Outgoing Fund of \$21,672 and Monthly Support Pledges of \$4,307 seem like big amounts. God has asked us to trust Him to supply all of it through the Body of Christ. It would be wonderful, if a new church decided to support us for a large amount. But through this process we have realized we don't need a couple of big supporters, we need lots of supporters. Lots of people who will put their (seemingly) small donations toward our support.

**Now is the time to start pledging.** We only have 5 months until our financial clearance date to leave. We have to be at 100% of both funds before we will be able to go. We believe even a pledge of \$5 a person will make a difference. God may lay it on a person's heart to support us for a larger amount, but we kind of suspect that it will be more like the dik-diks, lots of \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 monthly pledges. And that is exciting because it means **more** people who get to share in our journey of faith, **more** people who get to hear what God is doing on the other side of the world and **more** people who have caught a vision for missions.

Your pledge is a faith pledge between you and God. You don't have to start giving until we leave in January, however all funds given before January will help us reach our outgoing fund. You may fill out the pledge form enclosed or go to our blog and click on the tab that says "setup automatic" and work through the steps to electronically setup monthly support. <http://hazelsinafrica.aimsites.org>



1. *Outgoing Fund*

\$21,672 goal, currently at

**48%**

This fund will be used for airfare, work visas, on-field housing, immunizations, and other pre-field expenses that are needed **to get us to Africa and established.**

2. *Monthly Support Pledges*

\$4,307 per month,

currently at **15%**

The monthly support is what **will keep us in Africa.** Monthly support will be allocated to ministry expenses, our salary, healthcare, administration costs, and other on-field expenses.



Mission: Christ-centered churches among all African peoples.  
Priority: Africa's unreached

Host an Evening

# Taste of Africa

You invite your friends and family over for the evening.

We will bring the dessert with African tea and coffee.

We will share in a small group setting what God is doing in Africa and how to get involved.

Contact us for more information.



## Support by Praying

Our prayer requests:

- ~ For the San people in their daily life.
- ~ For God to rise up a strong prayer team to support us as we follow Him.
- ~ For our pledged monthly support to increase.
- ~ People to open their homes and host an evening of *Taste of Africa.*
- ~ We are faithful to seek God each day and depend on Him to provide.
- ~ For the future renter of our house and a loving family for our dog Hope.

Praises:

- ~ Jeremy is serving this summer at Pathfinder Youth Camp in Kingsport, TN.
- ~ Claudia has learned how to make homemade soap.



~ We reached 100% our goal for 26 for 26 fundraiser! **Thank you to everyone who sponsored a mile!!!**

~ We both finished our half-marathons well!

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Fill out the form below and return it in the mail to us if you wish to let us know of your desire to support us monthly. You may also visit our blog and click on the “automatic setup” link to the right for instructions on how to electronically setup your monthly pledge.

*Dear Africa Inland Mission:*

I/we would like to be partners with Jeremy and Claudia Hazel

By faith I/we commit to pray daily/weekly (circle one)

By faith I/we commit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for support beginning \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any monthly support received before leaving for the field will go for outgoing expenses.)

By faith I/we commit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for outgoing expenses.

This faith promise is made to the Lord and is not legally binding.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. *Make checks payable to Africa Inland Mission* and return with this card to the above missionary. Do not include the missionary's name on the check.

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