

NATIONAL NAMIBIA CONCERNS

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Dear friends of Namibia Concerns,

At a time when violence in South Africa is escalating, when our friends in Namibia tell of increased terror and suffering, I also need to report that National Namibia Concerns has experienced a major setback.

Many of you know about our new computer. After years of using borrowed machines, we purchased our own computer last spring. Finally, just a month ago we finished entering and correcting our mailing list.

During the night of September 10th, someone broke into the NNC office. Wearing gloves to avoid leaving fingerprints, they were precise and intentional. They took the new computer and the hard disk containing the mailing list. They also spent time locating and removing the extra disks containing our "back-up" mailing list. (They left behind the mailing lists for Our Savior's Lutheran and the Denver House of Studies....)

This selective theft of disks, plus the fact that our expensive printer was left behind, causes us---and the detectives---to feel that this was not an ordinary theft. It seems a deliberate effort to stop our work.

And, to a certain extent, it was successful. At a time when events in Namibia are occurring rapidly, precisely at a time when we need to be in touch with our network to generate legislative action, we have been effectively silenced.

In this crisis we are turning to our supporters---to people that we know are concerned about Namibia. We're making a special appeal for your support and encouragement.

Insurance will cover much of the loss of equipment. But it will not replace the "software". Nor will it pay for the cost of new locks and bars for the windows. Nor will insurance cover the time, effort, and expense of re-entering all 7000 names.

We're determined to be back in touch with our network as soon as possible. Namibia and South Africa stand at a turning point in their history. It is crucial that our people be kept informed---that they be encouraged to fulfill the role which we have been called to play in the birth of an independent Namibia and a free South Africa.

Selma Shejavali writes: "Death is our daily bread. Each morning brings news of someone else who has been killed...or disappeared."

Bishop Kleopas Dumeni says: "Surely steps must quickly be taken. My people are dying."

Please help us to stand with them at this critical time!

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"to set at liberty those who are oppressed...."

Luke 4:18

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