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Mammadù Shelter, Otjomuise

Mammadù, the best time in Windhoek

I don't exaggerate, but it's true. I love this kids and I love this place, which Agnes has created. Why? It's not easy to explain, I think you must experience it...

Maybe I should begin with the drive to Otjomuise. When I came there the first time it was so exciting. I must say I was a little bit afraid to drive in the taxi to a township but it was fine. I think Mammadù was one of the places where I felt really safe.

There is Meme Dina who is a really nice woman, watches the Mammadù and also you when you take the taxi. Then you have Agnes, the cook and Junias, the teacher. So you won't be alone and the best is that you have the opportunity to learn so much about the people and culture in Namibia.

A friend and me, we were volunteers there and then also saw Otjomuise and the public school at close range. This experience was only possible because of the tour, which Meme Dina made with us. So if you want to come to Mammadù ask Meme Dina and maybe you also can see how the children live without the Mammadù.

And now about my work: there is nothing you can't do in Mammadù. I baked cookies; helped to make the lunch and snack, cleaned the dishes, the classroom and the toilets; gave the meal to the kids; played with the kids; sang with the kids and did handicrafts.

And the best is that it's so easy to make the children happy. That's why I played with them the easiest games I know. You don't need much. The best way is to use the things that are there like drawing in "sand".

What I want to say to you: It's so nice there and the kids are so lovely but don't forget that the kids should also learn from us like we do from them. That's why sometimes we must to be a little bit strict. You shouldn't expect too much, however, you'll see sometimes that they are really smart.

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