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Eine Interviewreihe zwischen deutschen und namibischen Schülerinnen und Schülern des Schillergymnasiums Münster und des Institutes for Domestic Science and Agriculture

Baumgartsbrunn



## Henrike and Johanna: God and Religion



Do you believe in God, and why?

JOHANNA: I believe in God because he is our Savior, our Creator and the One who answers our questions and our needs.

HENRIKE: I believe in God because there are questions for which I would otherwise find no answer and things that I could otherwise not explain.

What do you think about people that don't believe in God?

JOHANNA: They should believe in God, because without God you don't get everything that you need and, yeah, they should just believe in God.

But do you accept people who don't believe in God?

JOHANNA: I accept them, but I try to explain to them, why it's important they should believe in God.

HENRIKE: I don't have a problem with people, who don't believe in God, because I think it's everyone's own opinion. Also a lot of people may still find their way to God. Plus in Germany at the moment most of the young people don't believe in God anymore, while most of the older people do; so it seems like there are people who find their way to God when they get older.

And why do the younger people in Germany don't believe in God?

HENRIKE: I think a lot of people just don't really think about it. But if you say that you believe in God, many young people in Germany think that it is a bit funny in a way and they don't take it seriously. A lot of those people also just live their lives and they don't have these pressing problems for which you might search for a different answer.

What religion do you have and how often do you go to church?

JOHANNA: I am in the Evangelical Church and we usually go every Sunday. But if I'm busy, I just pray at home. But if you got time, you should go to church.

HENRIKE: I normally go to church only on Christmas and maybe on Easter and than from time to time, because normally the service in Germany is not that appealing to me and I think that I can also just pray at home and I don't need that special service in order to deal with my religion or with my believes.

So tell us more about your religion!

JOHANNA: For example; when babies are between one and five months old, they should be baptized and when they reach 15 years then they are celebrating Confirmation. And from there a person is just waiting to get married or things like that.

HENRIKE: In Germany it's similar. At first you get baptized and then you go again for the Confirmation and later on, maybe for your wedding. The program for the service is like this: you have some songs and you are singing and you're praying and then they read some stories from the bible, that are supposed to give you hope and also some advices on how you should treat the person next to you.

What is the service in your church like?

JOHANNA: We go in the morning at 8am and we usually have a pastor who reads the bible and explains what is going on and we just listen to him. We also have a choir and a Sunday-school choir. And we sing a lot together from a book where the songs are written down. It's like a Gospel-choir.

Can you explain a bit more about your service? About your songs for example.

JOHANNA: We normally just sing without drums, even though it's gospel music.

HENRIKE: In our songs there are some prayers included and it's more according to classical music.

JOHANNA: Our songs also depend on the time of the year. The song for the Easter is not the same as for Christmas, even though they all talk about God.

Do you dance in church?

JOHANNA: No, we don't.

HENRIKE: Do people in general enjoy going to church?

JOHANNA: Yes, there are a lot of people that enjoy going to church. But there are also some that don't.

HENRIKE: In Germany people don't seem to enjoy going to church too much. The church is normally quite empty. Especially there aren't a lot of young people because they think its "uncool" to go to church.

JOHANNA: Uncool?

HENRIKE: Yes, only on Christmas and Easter you have a lot of people in the church, but it's not so much about believing; it's more about traditions a family is following. So people go to church rather out of duty than out of belief.

JOHANNA: So the parents don't tell the children why it's good to go to church?

HENRIKE: There are some, but for most parents going to church was something they had to do and not something they wanted to do. And also there are many younger parents now that already stopped going to church when they were children. So the religion in general is weakened by that and also there are a lot of parents that are just too lazy to get up early on Sunday mornings to go to church.

If you say its "uncool" to go to church, are you not going, because it's uncool?

HENRIKE: No, I sometimes do go with some friends on Sunday mornings and it's normally quite boring with the pastors we have. Mainly, for my religion or my belief, I personally don't need that.

What do you think comes after death?

HENRIKE: I don't believe that you're reborn or something and I also don't believe that there is heaven and hell because according to my belief, God wouldn't privilege some people, but would forgive the sins to all of them. So everyone would go to heaven.

But if a person does something wrong, wouldn't you want to punish him or her?

HENRIKE: I think if a person doesn't regret, then it's a bad thing, but still I don't know why there should be a separation for the good and the bad people.

What do you think will happen after death?

JOHANNA: It depends: If you obey God's rules, you will go to heaven; otherwise you will go to hell.

HENRIKE: Do you think if you do something wrong, you will go to hell?

JOHANNA: Yes. If you don't obey God's commands

HENRIKE: And if you regret, will you still go to hell.

JOHANNA: No, God will forgive you, if you ask him to.

Are you afraid of death?

JOHANNA: No, I'm not afraid, because in order to go to heaven you have to pass through death.

HENRIKE: I am also not afraid, because if I believe that God is forgiving then I don't have to be afraid. And what comes after, maybe it's even nicer, who knows!

Do you think that God only forgives if you ask him for it?

HENRIKE: I think if you regret then he will forgive you and you don't have to ask him for that. There are so many other religions with different rules, but I think that he will forgive, if you just regret.

## Elli and Elise: Lifestyle



Describe your way of life in one sentence?

Elisabeth: We have many different things in our everyday life that is unneeded. Sometimes it's very cool and active, but sometimes it's boring.

Elise: Me, I can say that I'm a person who believes in herself.

What plays an important role in your life?

Elisabeth: School, because I'm sitting there half the day. I learn there and after school as well. Another important place is my home of course.

Elise: To me it's our house, because most of the time I'm there with my family, and I enjoy being indoors.

If you could be any person for one day, who would it be and why?

Elise: I would be my grandmother, because she is alive till today, she is a strong woman and can do any kind of work no matter how difficult they might be.

Elisabeth: I would like to be a very famous Hollywood star, so that I can experience how they are living and how it feels like to be like them and to be loved by other people, I think that would be just fun.

What does music mean to you?

Elisabeth: Music is very important to me, because it's beautiful to listen to and you can always listen to it and it usually puts you in a good mood when it's good music of coz.

Elise: Sometimes when I am not in a good mood or somebody has upset me; I usually put on my radio or television and listen to my music to cool my heart down.

So you listen to music when you are angry?

Elise: Not really, even in my free time I listen to music

Do you try to express yourself through your outfit?

Elisabeth: Not really, sometimes, maybe, but it's not that important to me about what I wear.

Elise: I don't really express myself, to it really depend on the weather, like if it's cold I put on winter clothes and if it's warm I put on summer clothes.

Elisabeth: I just wear what I like. I don't know how much I express myself through that.

How important is it for you to know how other people feel about you?

Elisabeth: It depends on the person. Sometimes I don't care about what people think about me, but if it's my family for example, than I guess it would be very weird and I would not like it.

Elise: I don't mind what people think about me because I'm just who I am and I don't pretend to be somebody else.

What is your feeling if people talk behind your back?

Elise: No, I think, I wouldn't mind too much.

Can you describe the world without fashion or music?

Elise: To me the world is better with music. It would be boring, you have to include music to entertain people; and as the world is changing so is the fashion changing for many people.

Elisabeth: The world would be more boring because music is almost everywhere and it's beautiful.

So you think it's good if people keep producing music?

Elisabeth: I think that it's good, because then there is always new songs and it's great to be listening to new music

Can Music help you if you're sad?

Elise: Yes, sometimes if you listen to music then you listen to the words in the music and you try to get what the person is saying.

Elisabeth: I think if you listen to music then you focus more on the music than on your problem.

Your favorite song?

Elisabeth: There are so many...

Elise: Akon: "I want to be with you".

## Ndahafa and Antra: Emotions



What is your biggest wish?

NDAHAFa: My biggest wish in life is to be happy, to get a great job, to meet a lot of friends and to have a family of my own.

ANTRA: It's nearly the same for me because I want to be happy, too. I want to say some day: "Hey, my life is great" and I want to have a good job and a family with two kids.

Do you think you will achieve these aims one day?

NDAHAFa: I think so because at the moment my life is going great. I am in my second year of school, so I am about to finish my education. The next year my future is starting.

ANTRA: I hope yes; at the moment everything is going well, because I will finish school next summer. About the family – I don't know yet. I don't know if I will meet the man of my dreams; but I hope so.

What are your fears?

NDAHAFa: My fear is losing the most important person in my life, which is my mom. I fear being alone. I don't like being alone. I fear that a lot.

ANTRA: Why is your mother the most important person in your life?

NDAHAFa: Because I have grown close to her. Most of my life, when I was growing up, my whole childhood I have been with her all the time, just until now.

ANTRA: Of course I'm also afraid of losing someone, who is close to me. And I am also afraid of getting a disease like cancer or something like that.

What was the most embarrassing moment in your life?

NDAHAFa: The most embarrassing moment was at the time when I had my matric farewell. There, at the after party, which we celebrated at a location close to town called "Eros", the funny thing was that I ended up in the gentlemen's restroom. I guess I was too drunk. The moment I was leaving the restroom, some men were coming in – so I was really embarrassed.

ANTRA: I guess everyday something embarrassing happens to you. Because whenever you say something stupid – which happens to me quite often... – and all are laughing, it's embarrassing. But I can't name a specific, most embarrassing moment.

What has changed you most in life?

NDAHAFa: I can't be specific on that, because my life changes every little bit.

ANTRA: I guess my life changed when I started working in a little coffee shop. The people that are working there are older than me and maybe they know more about life and can teach me somehow. So I think I grew a little bit more mature.

What was your most dangerous experience?

NDAHAFa: It was this one time when we were travelling from Heja Lodge – that's a little lodge between Windhoek and Gobabis – and I was in a car, a very fast car, with drunken people.

ANTRA: Two years ago we were in Swakopmund. I went to the beach with my friends, it was in the night and it was dark but we didn't care about anything; we were just having fun. When we came back, we heard that it is very dangerous at this beach.

What do you enjoy most in your everyday life?

ANTRA: I love meeting my friends and my boyfriend everyday just to hang out with them. I don't like it to be alone.

NDAHAFa: I enjoy laughing with friends because they are the reason I go through my days. And I enjoy my music. That's why every time you see me in school I have my earphones on. I love my music. It makes me relax a bit and brings me comfort when I come into that mood.

What makes you angry?

NDAHAFa: What upsets me most are people who don't work along with others, gossiping and lazy people. At the end you are given rules to follow. I am the Vice President of our class, but often people don't follow their rules. And then I have to answer for them later on towards the Director for example.

ANTRA: I hate people who talk behind my back about me and people who are telling lies without knowing what has really happened.

NDAHAFa: How do you deal with people like that?

ANTRA: I don't know. Sometimes I just say: "Hey, what are you talking about?" but most of the time I ignore them because I don't have to talk to people who are like this. They are not honest.

Imagine the place or the situation where you would be in perfect happiness?

ANTRA: All people who are important in my life are healthy, no one has to suffer. There are no conflicts between us and we are just having fun together. Then I would probably be in perfect happiness and peace.

NDAHAFa: I would imagine just being with a happy family, and in a happy environment, a peaceful place.

Ndahafa Johannes, 22, describes herself as "positive, happy and very energetic.

Antra Hartmanis, 17, describes herself as: "very outgoing, active and a good listener."

## Berry and Julia: Studying Hospitality



Why did you choose to study Hospitality?

JULIA: After school I didn't know what to do. I wanted to do something with people. So, that led me to Hospitality. And I said "Why not? Let's try it". It is a three years course at the school in Germany where I study.

BERRY: I love cooking. I chose hospitality mainly, because it has to do with cooking. My dream is to have my own catering business one day. There are lots of different subjects in my course like Housekeeping, Front Office – and that's why I love hospitality.

What you like most about your course?

BERRY: I love cooking and I also like Front Office department because I enjoy welcoming the guest when they come to visit.

JULIA: I like to work with people from different nations. And I like to organize. When you go to work it's always different. You don't know what's going to happen.

Why is Hospitality important all over the world?

BERRY: I think it's important in the world because in Hospitality you will find lodges and hotels where you can get accommodation; and people always travel to different countries.

JULIA: I think the same. People keep traveling and they want to see everything and learn more about different countries. They come to hotels and lodges where they get services and that's why we work.

Can you discuss the differences at the education of hospitality in Namibia and Germany?

JULIA: I think we learn more in detail and I think in Baumgartsbrunn it's important to cook and to work with the service; in Germany we learn more about how to organize.

BERRY: These days I learned a lot from the German students. They cook different food. I think they are doing more practical exercises than theory lessons.

JULIA: We get the chance to work during our apprenticeship. We learn together with the staff in hotels and we are close to guests.

BERRY: We study more theory because we don't receive guests at our school; practical exercise we only get it's they send us to the lodges or hotels for internships. But in school we just cook for staff members and the other students.

What do you want to become in life?

BERRY: I want to have my own catering business or my own lodge or hotel or things like that. So I think after I complete I want to be a chef or work at the front office department.

JULIA: I am not sure. I would like to work in a hotel for some time and perhaps I would change the field and try to organize events. But first of all I want to work in a hotel.

Are you happy with the course you are doing and why?

BERRY: Yes, I am happy with the course because I learn a lot about hospitality and now with you guys from Germany we are sharing ideas and cook food from other counties.

JULIA: We learned a lot from each other. We learned some words of Afrikaans and do prepare meals in another way. Like mahangu pap with tribe (lungs) meat.

What challenges do you face?

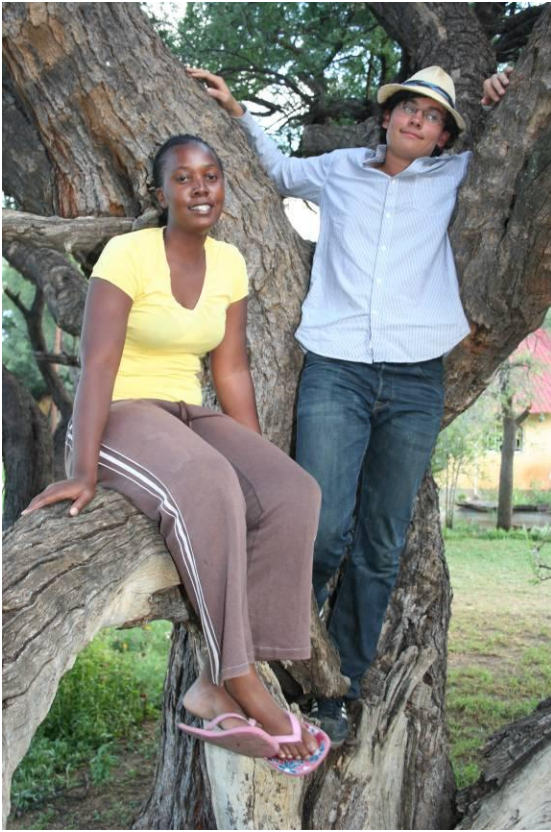
JULIA: Here it is different to cook. In Germany you have others machines. You do not have to prepare so many things by hand; it's easier in Germany. Here you really have to cook. And also the language: In Germany you have no problems, but here you have to speak English – and sometimes that's not so easy.

Do you have to speak English in a hotel, too?

JULIA: Yes, but not in the kitchen.

BERRY: I think it will be difficult for me if I have to work in a hotel because many guests speak German and I can't speak it, so it would be difficult to understand each other.

## Jakob and Juliet: Just Talk



JULIET: My favorite animals are puppies, but not the big dogs. And yours?

JAKOB: My favorite animals are birds. For example eagles.

JULIET: I also like nature. I always wanted to go to the park. Last year I had the chance to go to Etosha National Park. I was so excited to see all the animals. Everything was so big and beautiful.

JAKOB: I also like nature. I like climbing mountains for example in Switzerland or in the South of Germany. I always look forward to see new regions with new animals.

JULIET: I'm crazy about movies. I like watching TV; it doesn't matter what, even the kiddy stuff. I could just sit there forever.

JAKOB: Do you have TV here in school?

JULIET: No we don't. That's bad.

JAKOB: I also like to watch TV. I watch the news, because I think it's important to know what's up in the world. I do not like detective stories because I always know who the murderer is. Then there is no fun in it anymore. I like action movies like "James Bond". I also like "Harry Potter" or funny movies like "Pirates of the Caribbean".

JULIET: If you would have the opportunity to travel somewhere, where would you go?

JAKOB: I don't know. I would like to go to New York to study there because I actually do not like Germany that much. I want to study abroad.

JULIET: Why do you not like Germany?

JAKOB: Because of the soccer and because of the G8. That's a new school program we have, where the time you spend at the Gymnasium, our High School, changes from nine to eight years. Hence, there will be a lot of students finishing school at the same time, so it will be difficult to get a spot at a university.

JULIET: I really would like to go to Victoria Falls. Since I was small I had this beautiful dream; I know it's a fairytale thing, but I would like to go very close to the waterfalls. With nobody else – just me, the birds and the green. I have the hope to go there one day and I am working on it.

JAKOB: I like to be at home. I also like to hang out with friends and just have fun.

JULIET: Me too. When I'm at home there is just my mum and a few people of the family. But mostly our family only meets when there are funerals or weddings. I would like to have this big come together thing to have fun with everybody. Does your family play a big role in your life?

JAKOB: Of course it's very important for me. When parents forbid things they don't want to be evil to you; they just want you to have a good life and to protect you. I think that's one thing you don't always realize. My grandmother died a few months ago. That showed me that it's very important to spend time with your family.

Can you compare your country to another country or do you want to live in another country?

JULIET: Me: no. I would like to travel and see new things, but there is no place that is more beautiful than home.

JAKOB: I think the same way. Where your family is, there is always the best place to be. But I also like traveling around to get to know new cultures and new countries. That's very exciting.

Jakob Loos, 15, describes himself as “funny, interested in new things and untidy”

Juliet Kasemba, 22, describes herself as “friendly, caring and happy”

## Rabea and Sheeline: Family



Tell us about your family.

SHELLINE: My mother has got three kids, but she is living in the northern part of Namibia and because of that I'm living with the wife of my uncle. My uncle passed away. He had nine kids, including me ten and we are living in one house all together.

RABEA: So do you have any contact to your mother?

SHELLINE: Yes, I do have contact with my mother and I visit her from time to time. Sometimes she is visiting me too, but not all the time.

RABEA: Do you have the opportunity to see your sisters?

SHELLINE: Yes, they are living with my mother, so I can see them as well.

RABEA: I have two brothers and two stepbrothers; they are the kids of my dad's new wife. My parents are divorced since I'm nine years old and I live with my mother and my little brother in one house. And my older brother has got a girlfriend and a baby and they are living almost next to my mum's house. I see them nearly every day. My little brother is going to the same school as I, so I can talk to him every day. But the difference between me and my little brother is that he is switching between my dad's house and my mum's house and me, I'm visiting my dad only on the weekends.

Which person influenced you most in your life?

SHELLINE: Many people influenced me, but my mum is the most important person in my life, even though I don't see here that much. But the little times we got together are really important to me. She

gives me advices about life and I contact her sometimes just to ask if she's alright and then I feel good when she says things like "I love you" or "I miss you".

RABEA: My oldest brother influenced me most, he is 27. And actually he is just the kid of my mother, not of my real father. I guess he had a real hard childhood, because he wasn't cool with anybody in the family. Then he met the wrong friends, he stopped going to school and started taking drugs. But right now he has got a family, he has got a house and a job and he is continuing with school. He's trying to pass his final exams. I mean, normally you finish school with 19 and now he is 27, he just repeats everything now and that's why I'm proud of him. Whatever goes wrong in your life – and I guess many things went wrong in his life –, you can always find back on the right track. He's like my idol, whatever happens I always can ask him for help.

SHELLINE: I'm my own queen and I can do whatever I want to.

You told us, that you've got a baby. Is it a conflict to visit this school and not staying with your two-year-old daughter?

SHELLINE: It's really hard not being around her. But I'm focused and I know what I want. I finished grade 12 in 2005, I never had a job, I ended up school when I was falling pregnant. My parents were kind of against it and somehow there were ups and downs and people spoke badly, but then I ended up here; that makes me even stronger, because that I know I can make something out of myself. I stay focused because I know that at the end of the day I can reach something better for me and for my child. My dream is to become a better person in life; I want my own house, my own car and a job. I don't want my child to grow up the way I did. I want her to grow in a good family with much love with everything she needs. I just want to teach her the right way of living. For every step I take and for me being here, the reason why is my daughter.

Rabea, why did you decide to live with your mum and not with your dad?

RABEA: I think they split up when I was nine years old and I think for a kid at that age it's hard to decide where you want to live, because you know, however you decide, you'll always hurt one of your parents. But I always remember good times with my mum, she was always there for me. Your dad is your dad, but your mother is something special. I really looked up to her. So not to live with her was not possible for me, but living without my dad was possible. That was the main reason.

Do you get along with your step siblings?

RABEA: They are pretty different than me. The one is a crazy football fan and the other one is a punk, you know, he's coloring his hair blue. We have nothing to tell each other. Now they are living in the house of my childhood. That is really crazy, because when they moved in, it was not my house anymore. Now it's there house. They went through the same things I did, because their parents are divorced too, and my dad is their new dad. I don't have any relationship to them; they are my stepbrothers, but that's all. We say "Hi" to each other; that's it.

Do you miss your family right now?

RABEA: I especially miss my friends, I guess even more than my family. Right now I'm 16 years old. I guess I'm changing a lot.

SHELLINE: Here and there I miss them, but being with them is not so nice sometimes, because of many fights. I mean not physical, but it still hurts sometimes.

How often do you have the chance to visit your family?

SHELLINE: Once a month, but then I visit the wife of my uncle and not my baby. My baby lives far away and from time to time I'm calling the woman, who's taking care of her, the aunt, because my daughter is talking a little bit now. But hopefully I'll visit her in April.

## Stefan and Helena: Love



Do you believe in true love?

STEFAN: I don't know if I can believe in it. If you have a girlfriend who doesn't really love you, it's not so good.

HELENA: Me, I can't say I believe in it, as sometimes you can't really believe that it's true. There is no one who knows.

Are you allowed to date every person you like to date or are there any problems?

STEFAN: My parents allowed me to date every person I like. So there are no problems.

HELENA: My parents don't allow me to date every one. In our culture, if the guy wants a girl, he has to go to his parents and those will send other parents to the parents of the girl and ask them for permission. Now boys are starting to go to girls straight, but it's not alright to the parents.

Do you always have to ask your parents?

HELENA: No, you can't ask because then, if you don't follow their advice, you don't respect your parents.

The parents are choosing the partner for you?

HELENA: Sometimes when I meet a boy, I can introduce him to my parents. Sometimes the parents can say “no, we don’t want someone from that tribe”. Maybe if I am an Owambo\* and the guy is a Herero\*, they don’t accept him.

What is your perfect partner in life like?

STEFAN: It’s important that I can trust her. She should look pretty, but I don’t care about the color of hair for example.

HELENA: He has to understand me and trust is the base of a relationship. I just prefer an Owambo, because I am also an Owambo. As long as we are happy everything is alright.

What would happen if you really fall in love with a Herero guy? What would you do?

Maybe at the beginning I would try to make my parents understand, but if they don’t accept maybe, I can leave. It just depends on the feeling and trust that I feel for him. When it was very bad, I would leave the person; but if it was very good, I might get away from my parents, because it’s my life and not their life.

If your partner cheated on you, how would you react?

HELENA: First I would be angry and would ask him why he did that? Maybe, if it’s a valid reason, I could accept it. Then I would tell him that he should never do it again. If he has no valid reason, I would just dump him. Because when the person is trying to cheat me, he doesn’t love me. Then he can go to the person he loves.

What is a valid reason for someone to cheat?

HELENA: Maybe when I went overseas for one year, I could accept. But if I went for just one month, I would dump him, because I would know that he doesn’t love me.

STEFAN: I would ask her how far they have gone. When they didn’t go so far, I would accept it, but if they went too far, I would dump her. Too far means for example that they slept together or that they meet a lot, so she would not have time for me anymore.

Did you make any bad experiences with your partner in the past?

HELENA: Yes, I was cheated on. First I heard stories from other people, but at the beginning I didn’t believe it and I was trying to find out for myself. One day the girl called me and texted me all the time and mixed up stories – then I dumped my boyfriend.

STEFAN: I had bad experiences with my first partners. One of them slept with another boy and the other one had a holiday flirt.

How did you react?

STEFAN: First I was shocked. I drove home and got a picture, where I saw it. The second time I heard it from friends and then I saw them together.

How would you know that he/she is the right one?

HELENA: Still I don’t think that you can know who the right one for you is.

STEFAN: I don't know, there is this special feeling when you know that she is the right one – but I can't describe it.

Are you afraid of Aids or HIV?

HELENA: Of course, yes.

STEFAN: Yes.

\*Ovambo: ethnic group mainly living in the northern part of Namibia

\*Herero: ethnic group mainly living in central Namibia

## Lisa and Leefa: Challenges in Life



What is your biggest challenge in life?

LEEFA: My biggest challenge in life was the time when I completed my grade 12 I stayed home without doing anything. It was a real challenge because I lived a life of an unemployed and it was difficult for me to survive.

LISA: I think my biggest challenge was coming here because it means three weeks without my parents and yeah...

Do you have any siblings and did they help you during your hard times?

LEEFA: I have three young siblings, one older brother and an older sister. I didn't grow up with them, I grew up with a different family, but they always supported me, I'm at school today because of them. I am happy to be here.

What experience do you have regarding HIV-AIDS?

LEEFA: When looking at Namibia, we are under the influence of HIV and Aids; it affects many people in Namibia and it ends up killing many people. When people hear they are HIV positive, they ask themselves many questions and they end up thinking that nothing like accidents or other diseases can kill them, but only AIDS.

Did you learn about HIV in school?

LEEFA: I learned about it at Primary and at Secondary School.

LISA: in Germany we learned something about it at school and we also have many posters educating more about the diseases.

Are you scared about HIV?

LEEFA: Yes, of course, I'm scared of it.

LISA: A bit, yes, but in Germany not as many people have it as in many other countries.

Do you know many people who have it and how do you treat them?

LEEFA: I know some people who are HIV-positive and I try to give them counseling, but first it's important to have a plan on how to approach them by asking general questions just to see/hear their response. Their answers usually determine whether they would open up to you or not. When you do this you don't have to show the person you feel pity for them; otherwise they wouldn't open up and listen to you.

LISA: I would talk to him/her and, like Leefa said, I would ask them general questions just to get some trust from them. And if it happens to be my best friend I wouldn't change the way I feel about them.