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MSR WELCOMES AMERICAN RESEARCH STUDENTS

Four research students from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA arrived in Namibia early in March. They are here to research the use of the waste paper pulp material used in the manufacture of the paper blocks as a low cost insulating material, for use in the informal settlements. Their research has created a great deal of interest within the community of Katutura, and they are developing a simple low cost system for making and installing the insulation, as well as researching the visual acceptability of the material, and the fire resistance. They will be in Namibia until 3rd May, and can be contacted through the MSR office. They invite you to attend the presentation of their findings on 2nd May at 17h00 at the Polytechnic of Namibia, Auditorium 1.

The research students Marco, Jon, Emily and Emily, with Pius (project co-ordinator) and Magdalena (an intern from UNAM who worked at MSR for 8 weeks) during their field investigations.



MSR statistics

February 2012: Job connections: 14 Visitors to office: 183
March 2012: Job connections: 15 Visitors to office: 121

ENGLISH FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

With funding from the Namibian Literacy Trust, MSR members have had the opportunity to attend 'English for the World of Work' literacy classes at CABINcc (Capacity Building Initiatives in Namibia.). Five people completed the course, which ran for 6 months, and the successful participants were presented with their certificates by Aune Hambeleleni Odunlami and Lydia Ndeiluka from CABIN. Aune congratulated the successful participants on their focus and determination in working to improve their English language skills, which will make it easier for them to find work.

Below are Titus Moses, Asser Nghiyalasha, Filipus Halwoodi receiving their certificates from Aune Hambeleleni Odunlami and Lydia Ndeiluka. Joseph Namboli and Abraham Shilmukweni are not in the photo, as they were working that day.



Please remember that the job sites are public places, and MSR has no control over the people who wait there. (not all are MSR members)

If you need some help, rather contact us to arrange the placement. Or choose someone with a card with the new logo as displayed at the top of the first page. Holders of these new cards have participated in our 'Life Skills' training course.

We have carpentry, bricklayer and electrical graduates from The KAYEC Trust who are looking for internships and work opportunities.

Call MSR if you can give them a chance to gain some experience.

CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM SANTAM



Santam has been a staunch supporter of MSR from the beginning of the project, and we are delighted that they continue to support the initiative.

In this photo, Franco Feris, the Managing Director of Santam hands over a cheque to Janet Wicks, Manager of MSR.