



Newsletter

Men on the Side of the Road (WO348)

January 2014

Gift wrapping at Wernhil Park

From 28th November to 23rd December, staff and volunteers from MSR and Women at Work wrapped gifts at Wernhil Park. The aim of this was to raise awareness of, and funds for both projects. We wrapped over 1100 gifts, and the funds raised by this project will be used by Women at Work to buy equipment for their household management courses, and by MSR to improve their database and membership card system.

A big thank you goes to all of our supporters who volunteered at the stand, especially the Rotary youth leaders who worked so hard; to companies who made donations of paper, ribbons etc, and who brought their corporate gifts to us to wrap, instead of using 'gift bags'. To all of the members of the public who supported the activity by bringing gifts for wrapping, and to Broll Namibia for making the stand available to us.

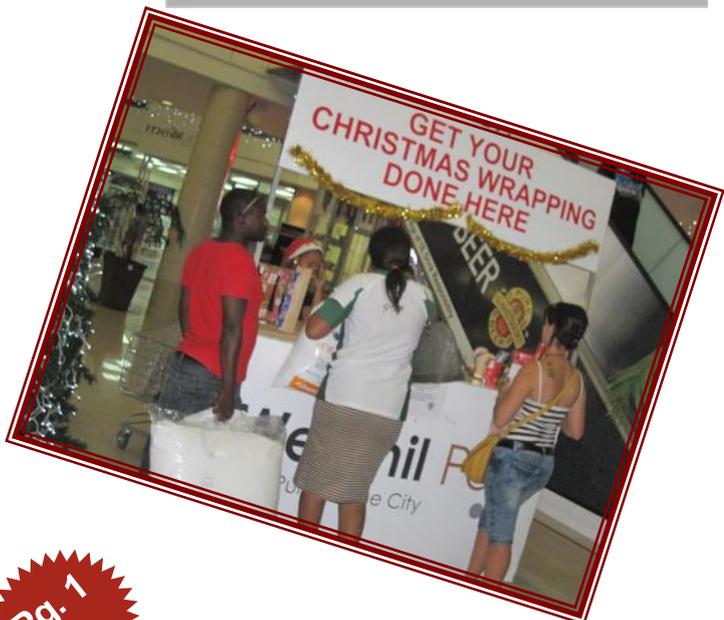
It was immensely hard work, and in the last week before Christmas there was never a moment to even sit down and catch ones breath, but also immensely rewarding to see customers go away so happy with their beautifully wrapped gifts.

MSR Statistics

In 2013 we connected 185 people with job opportunities who collectively earned almost

N\$900 000.00

over the course of a year.



More inside!



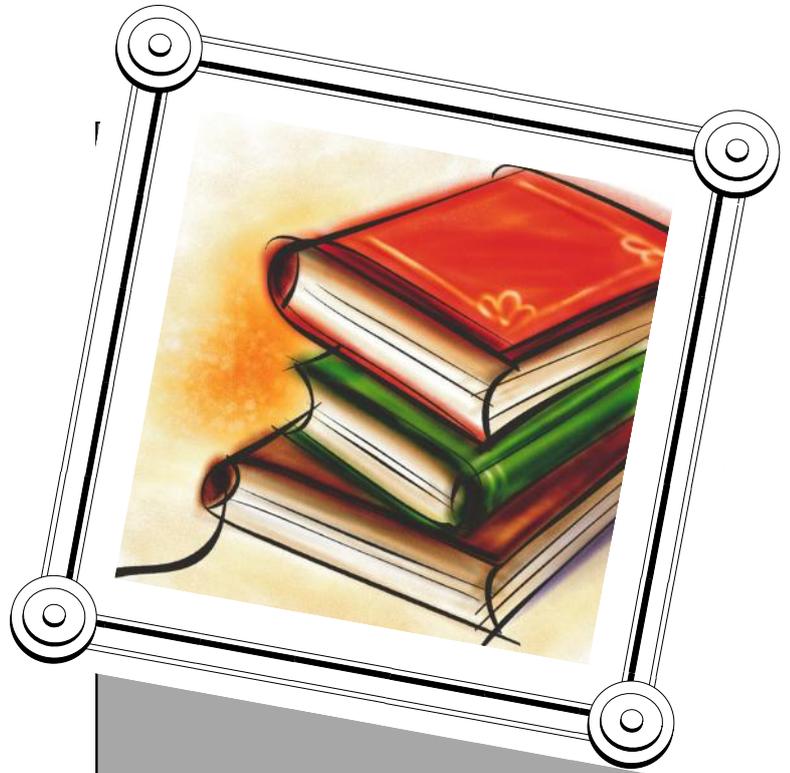
Donations to kick off 2014

The NG church in Eros has kindly donated a large quantity of books for our library. A number of our members are regular users of the library, and they are mostly looking for either religious books, or self improvement books, written in English. The donation has meant that we now have lots of new volumes for our readers, who have expressed their thanks for this opportunity to improve their knowledge.

The library is open during office hours, free of charge to all MSR members, who may borrow books for up to two weeks.

Some books, such as the drivers licence manual, are reference books, and may not be removed from MSR premises.

In addition a number of computers, and computer related items were donated. A volunteer is currently checking through all of the equipment to see what is working, and we will then be able to decide how best to utilize the items.



Welcome back

MSR would like to wish all of our loyal friends and supporters a productive and prosperous 2014.

We have some very exciting plans for 2014, and with your help these will become a reality, so that we are able to assist even more people into long term work.

MSR members work at Adventure Travel World Summit



The MSR workseekers pose for a photo with Sem Shikongo, from the NTB.

Au revoir

cont.

DS Fourie van den Berg, the person whose vision founded the MSR organisation, has new ideas to pursue, and so has decided to step down as a board member. Everyone who has been involved with MSR: work-seekers, staff, volunteers, employers, and other directors, owes a huge debt of gratitude to Fourie, for his vision and determination in bringing the idea to fruition. Fortunately he is still willing to be involved, and give us the benefit of his wisdom and experience in a more informal role.'

Thank you, Fourie, for steering us to where we are now, it would not have happened without you.

There is no passion
to be found playing
small -
In settling for a life
that is less than the
one you are
capable of living.

Madiba

Help us make a difference....

You too can have a lasting impact on helping people live the life they are capable of; by working with us to give people the tools and resources to improve their lives, rather than being dependent on handouts.

Funding:

MSR Projects
Training opportunities

Within your organisation:

Internships;
Job and training opportunities

In your personal capacity:

Use your unique skills to create positive change within these communities;
Provide equipment and tools required by members (e.g. old laptops, gardening equipment, etc.);
Contact MSR for potential workers;
Always ask to see the MSR card.

Job seekers corner

The following people have now completed Life Skills, and are actively seeking work:

Mateus is 30 years old, has a Code B drivers licence and has an Automotive Mechanic N2 certificate from Volombola Vocational Training Centre.

Hosea is 37 years old and has a Code BE drivers licence, with 13 years driving experience, and a Grade 10 certificate.

Festus is 34 years old, married, and has 9 years experience as a general worker.

Please contact the office on 061 305892 or email mensideofroad@gmail.com if you have a vacancy, or would like further details about the person.

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Our corporate members, donors and partners

MSR can only undertake their work with support from corporate Namibia, other organizations and philanthropic individuals. We are grateful for the support we receive:

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