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MEN ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD (W O 3 4 8)

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We connected 48 people with job opportunities in June, but we can only do this with your help. Let us know when you are looking for people, be it for one day, one week or longer.

MSR INAUGURATES IT'S NEW PREMISES AND LAUNCHES ITS NEW LOGO

June 2011 was an auspicious month for MSR. On 10th June, 100 invited guests joined the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mr Nahas Angula for the grand opening of our new and improved MSR premises. The Minister and guests enjoyed speeches from Johan Swanepoel, Fourie van der Berg, MSR member Johnny Mbindi, and the Right Honourable Prime Minister, followed by breakfast and a chance to interact with MSR members, as well as visit the new office.

The new MSR logo, designed to reflect the Namibian nature of our project, was also launched at this event. MSR and its members would like to thank Bank Windhoek for their support of this milestone event.

Also in June, 124 of our members visited the offices to use the computers, check the newspapers for vacancies, and follow up on these vacancies. We sent 48 people for job placements or interviews.

Since our move in April 2011, we have held 3 community meetings with our members, with motivational speakers who addressed the men in their own language on diverse subjects such as entrepreneurship, taking the opportunities offered by MSR and commitment and determination. These meetings

were attended by over 50 of our members.

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The Right Honourable Prime Minister poses with some of our work-seeking members at the unveiling of our new logo, and the inauguration of our new premises.

We delivered a training course as a follow up to previous courses on economic development, which was attended by 12 members. This activity resulted in a small committee being formed to research ideas on how to be included in TIPEEG, the Government initiative to create 104 000 jobs for unemployed Namibians by 2013. This is a great leap forward amongst our members, as one of the aims of MSR is to make people more pro-active in their job search. We are pleased to see an initiative such as this being suggested by a group of our members.

THE PAPER BLOCK PROJECT

With funding from the UNDP, MSR is launching a new job creation project, the paper block project. The project co-ordinator is now in post and is conducting research into the most suitable size, shape and composition of the paper block. These blocks will be sold as an alternative to firewood, and have the added advantage of being made completely from waste materials, either used office paper, old newspapers, or sawdust, or a combination of these products. The project is trying to resource a regular supply of sawdust, if this is one of your waste materials and you are looking for an environmentally friendly way of disposing of it, please talk to Isaac on 061 305892. It is anticipated that at least 25 of our members will participate in the project, and gain the opportunity to earn their own sustainable income.

This project dovetails neatly with the EnviroChance paper shredding project in which MSR is a partner. We still need supplies of used office paper for shredding. If you would like to participate in recycling to reduce the amount of rubbish sent to landfill and enable a fellow Namibian to earn a decent living, please phone Peter on 081 4738128.

ENGLISH FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

We are delighted that we have been awarded a grant from The Namibian Literacy Trust to develop and run courses on 'English for the World of Work'. English Literacy is part of our 'Six Step' approach to training and mentoring and many of our members will be able to benefit from this.

We have decided to work with CABIN cc (Capacity Building Initiatives in Namibia), a well respected organization with many years of experience in teaching English to adults. Classes will begin at the CABIN office situated at Acacia High School on 2nd August.

**Please remember to use the service we offer .
Call 061305892 to let us know about your vacancies for semi or unskilled workers and we will connect you with some-one who is eager for the chance to work.
We have one recent carpentry, and two bricklayer graduates from The KAYEC Trust who are looking for internships.**

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A big thank you to the **Old Mutual Group** for making it possible for us to install a large white board, security gates at both entrances, new signs for the office, and two daily newspapers for the year for members to use in their job search.



The security gates were made for us by one of our members, Toiva Lukas, who attended a welding course through us at The KAYEC Trust, and is currently furthering his studies in welding at WVTC.

Metropolitan Pinnacle Empowerment Trust continues to support MSR, this time with a donation of office chairs, which will be used both in the Drop In Centre, and during community meetings.

Toiva standing with one of the gates he made and installed.

INTERNS AT MSR

As a result of an interview on German radio recently, MSR was approached by the Polytechnic of Namibia to allow two of their interns to undertake work experience at our office. If you have called the office recently, you may have been greeted by Herbert Shigwedha or Israel Lukas. Both are studying office management and at MSR have undertaken many and varied duties, including helping visitors type their CV's, indexing our newly acquired book donations, upgrading the record keeping system for our KAYEC trainees and generally answering the telephone, making photocopies and sending faxes on behalf of our members.