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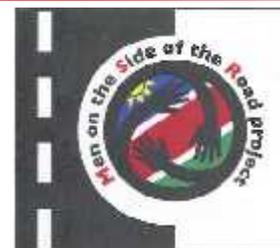
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## PROGRESS REPORT JUNE 2012



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

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MSR recently held two award ceremonies:

**Life Skills:** At our regular monthly community meeting, all of the participants present who have completed the MSR life skills training received their certificates. This course is making such a difference in our members self confidence levels and in their job hunting abilities, that many of them find work shortly after the course ends. Our statistics show that over 50% of the people who complete the course find employment within two months.

The 'Be a Faithful Steward Money Management' course: Lusua Hamumkola from Crown Ministries presented 8 of the 12 people who completed the course with their certificates on Friday 1st June 2012. This course aimed at teaching our members how better to manage their money, and provided simple tips for making money last longer, by putting some aside for each day. One of the participants commented: I now know I am much better at making my money last longer than people who did not do the course.



The graduates of the 'Be a Faithful Steward' programme with their certificates



Some of the first graduates of the MSR Life Skills course display their certificates.

### MSR statistics

**April 2012: Job connections: 6 Visitors to office: 90**  
**May 2012: Job connections: 7 Visitors to office: 118**

### MSR nominated in two competitions

MSR has been extremely fortunate to be nominated as the winning charity in not one, but two competitions recently.

In April we were nominated by Danny Filipovic and Alisdair Baron from Radio Kudu who won the Bakpro Celebrity Bakeoff competition 'Breads of the World'.

In May MSR was nominated on the Trustco TV programme "Winna Mariba" as the chosen charity to receive 10% of the shows paid out winnings.

Thank you to all of the participants who selected MSR. All of the money received will be put towards the work we do, either at the Resource Centre, and the MSR Employment Scheme or into training of our members so that they are better able to compete in the labour market.

### PINNACLE MAKES A DIFFERENCE AGAIN

The Pinnacle Metropolitan Empowerment Trust recently donated toolkits to five members from Men on the Side of the Road after they successfully completed their vocational training through the KAYEC Trust in 2011. In the past, trainees have had difficulties in practicing their new found skills due to a lack of tools.

The toolboxes consisting of vocation specific good quality tools were supplied by the Windhoek Tool Centre cc and will enable the men to immediately start earning an income through self employment. Speaking at the handover ceremony, Sydney Jaftha, Project Administrator for the Pinnacle Metropolitan Empowerment Trust stated the importance of skills development, particularly when the skill was used to encourage self employment. "The Trust is pleased that we are contributing to government's vision of job creation by encouraging SME development, especially in the areas of technical and vocational skills." The men were also encouraged to take good care of the tools so that they would give many years of service.

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**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.**

One of the recipients, Johannes Kamati expressed his delight upon receiving his toolkit: "I have waited so long for this, now I can finally start using the skills I have to fix small engines to make an income." Through its partnership with MSR, the Pinnacle Metropolitan Empowerment Trust has funded over 30 men in last three years in the areas of bricklaying, plumbing, carpentry and mechanical work, with more than 70% either receiving employment or become self employed soon after completion.

(left to right) : Frans Amadhila, Petrus Suuka, and Johannes Kamati receiving their toolkits from Sydney Jaftha, Pinnacle Metropolitan Empowerment Trust's Project Administrator.

