



Newsletter

Men on the Side of the Road (WO348)

November 2013

Welcome to Paulus

MSR would like to welcome Paulus Ameenya, who is joining us for three months as an intern. Paulus is in his final year at the Polytechnic of Namibia, studying for a Bachelor of Communications.

Paulus has participated in both a money management course, and the MSR Life Skills course, and has already provided us with some valuable insights, and is keen to use his skills to assist our members.

MSR Statistics

Up to mid October 2013, MSR has accepted 92 new members and has placed 166 people into work who will collectively earn almost

N\$900 000.00

over the course of a year.

The Uyulele Project (Solar Bottle

We were fortunate to have the Uyulele project trailer parked at MSR for about a month where it generated a great deal of interest, both amongst MSR members, and among visitors to the HRDC. The solar bottles are widely used as an alternative to candles to light warehouses and houses, especially in Brazil, where the idea originated.

We would love to be able to find some-one who could show people how to make and install these simple devices in their homes.



More inside!



Gift wrapping at Wernhill Park

MSR (along with Women @ Work and The Needlework project) will be wrapping gifts opposite Pick n Pay at Wernhill Park from the 25th November, right up to Christmas Eve.

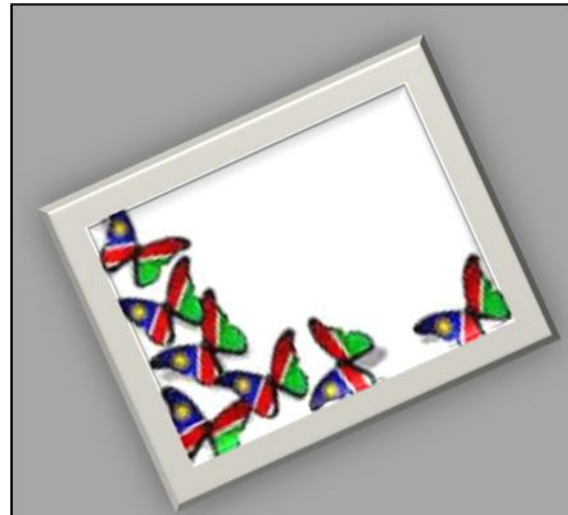
The aim of this is to raise awareness of the work we do, and to generate some funds for the organisations.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT by

- Volunteering a few hours of your time to come and help with the wrapping at the stand.
- Making bows for the decorations (training and materials will be provided!).
- Bringing your gifts for wrapping.
- Tell your friends about us.

Women @ Work is a project that trains unemployed women in household management, cooking and needlework, and then places them into employment through their employment bureau.

The Needlework project works with unemployed women who are taught a variety of different needlework skills, with the aim of enabling them to earn an income through self-employment.



Christmas closing

MSR will be closed from Wednesday 11th December 2013, and will re-open on Tuesday 7th January 2014.

The staff and board at MSR would like to thank you for your continued support, and wish you and your loved ones a safe and peaceful festive season.

Life Skills courses at MSR



MSR offers a range of Life Skills courses to link the unemployed to work opportunities to help them become better equipped to find suitable employment. Our aim is to give people the skills to be able to find work for themselves.

Our 6-step training approach:

Life-skills for the world of work
Basic English/English for the world of work
Financial Literacy (Money management)
Vocational Training
Mentoring
Employment



"If poverty is a disease that infects the entire community in the form of unemployment and violence, failing schools and broken homes, then we **can't just treat those symptoms in isolation**.....

We have to heal that entire community."
Barack Obama

Job seekers corner

One of our lady members has experience in making chocolates, and is looking for a job that will allow her to build on this knowledge.

We have three members who are just about to complete their training at KAYEC in Welding, Small Engine Repair and Bricklaying.

Fifteen new members joined after the last Life Skills course, and they are all looking for work.

Please contact the office on 061 305892 or email mensideofroad@gmail.com if you have a vacancy.

Help us make a difference....

You too can have a lasting impact on healing the disease of poverty in a meaningful and sustainable manner; by working with us to give people the tools and resources to improve their lives, rather than being dependent on handouts.

Funding:

MSR Projects
MSR Training
Other (bus/taxi fares to go for job interviews, driver's license costs, English language courses, etc).

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.

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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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