

Joint ROSL/ Namibia Project

The Joint ROSL/Namibia Project seeks to increase awareness of Namibia's challenges and achievements, support school Bursaries for San, settlement and farm children and provide resource materials for needy schools.

It is very much a joint project, benefiting greatly from the care and skills of The Hon Clara Bohitile, Deputy Minister of Education and Culture, Prof Peter Katjavivi, Vice-Chancellor, University of Namibia, and Mr Dick Chamberlain, ROSL HCS in Windhoek.

Highlights of 1997 included the achievements of the Bursary recipients; the organisation of the first National Gathering for San speaking pupils by the Ministry of Education; donations in cash or in kind from ROSL branches and members, Air Namibia and Dorling Kindersley; sufficient funds to support ten more youngsters in the Omaheka



With help from local farmers who arranged transport, pre-school bridging classes for children speaking a variety of San (Bushman) dialects were introduced at Qgaina School in January

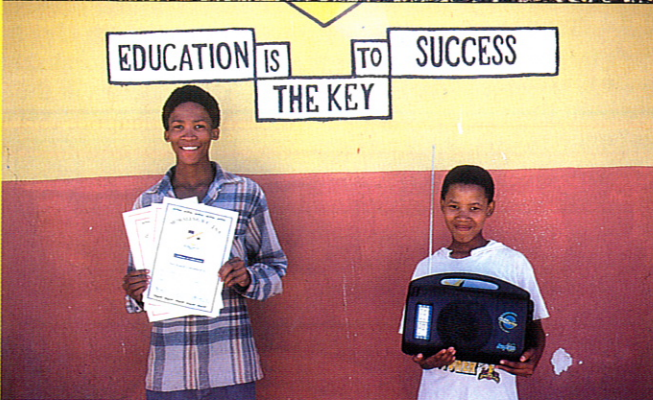
region; the introduction of pre-school bridging classes at Qgaina; the London Group's fund-raising concert at Over-Seas House; donations of wind-up radios and associated media coverage in Windhoek and the speech at the ROSL's Central Council Luncheon by HE Mr Ulenga Ben Ulenga, Namibian High Commissioner who warmly highlighted the links of friendship between his country and the League.



Bursary recipient Therafina Eiseas, Grade 2, pictured at the new Primary School for children from the Otjivero settlement in April (Bursary funding covers uniforms, sportswear and other items)



Most of the ROSL Bursary recipients come from isolated communities as pictured here en-route to Mokaleng. This 'tyranny of distance' requires most local schools to be residential.



In front of the wall motto at Mokaleng Roman Catholic Primary School are ROSL Bursary recipients Petrus Bekkie, Best Learner in Grade 7 with top performance certificates, and Ellie Velskoen, Grade 5, with one of the wind-up radios donated to the project



Elias Araeb pictured at Mokganedi Secondary School in November where he is top of Grade 8 having transferred during the year from Hippo Primary.

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