

ROSL / Namibia Project

Started in 1995 with the Ministry of Basic Education, Sport and Culture, the project now supports 19 young people at residential schools in Namibia. Highlights of 2000 included the good progress of bursary recipients, the establishment of a university scholarship fund and continuing support from branches, members and assisting organisations.

The support enabled the project to be extended at the request of the Ministry to four new participants; three of them at school and one, Cwisa Cui from the Bushman community at Tsumkwe, at teacher training college in Windhoek. Cwisa Cui was the guide on some of the monitoring visits kindly arranged by the Ministry of Basic Education, Sport and Culture during the year.

It was a great pleasure to see all those connected with the project again, and no report would be complete without reference to the continuing care and involvement of the long term project team in Namibia: Hon Clara Bohitile, Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Sport and Culture; Mr Walter Nel, Chief Inspector of Education (Primary); Mr Dick Chamberlain, Director of the University of Namibia's Language Centre; and Professor Peter Katjavivi, Vice Chancellor.



Dina Abuse from Hippo Primary School, Omaheke region, who was welcomed into the project during the year

Among many enjoyable and memorable occasions were dinners for friends of the project hosted by the British High Commissioner, HE Mr Brian Donaldson and Mrs Donaldson, and the Indian High Commissioner, HE Mr Harjit Haer and Mrs Haer.

As the recent 'Torn Apart' report on San children in Southern Africa reflected, 'only a handful of San individuals have made it through the school system; the majority of whom have had some sort of private benefactor or guardian. Someone who is interested in your personal well-being as well as your academic success is essential for success'. The project is therefore very grateful to all those who are helping in this way.

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Director of PR and Development



Pictured by Dick Chamberlain on the monitoring visit to Grootfontein and Tsumkwe, (l-r) Cwisa Cui, Hannah Garises and Margaret Adrian-Vallance



Above: Petrus Beckie and Ellie Velskoen from the remote Mokaleng Junior Secondary School; left: Hon Clara Bohitile, Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Sport and Culture

With many youngsters in need of help with tertiary education, it was wonderful to receive the first instalment of the IBSS University Scholarship Fund from Mr Allan Gooda, Chairman of the International Bankers Summer School Luncheon Club. This will enable a young Namibian to attend university in Windhoek, and was presented at a luncheon at the League in November, attended by HE Mrs Monica Nashandi, High Commissioner for Namibia, the guest speaker Sir David Scholey, and 40 other IBSS members from around the world.



From left to right at the bankers lunch: K C Wu, Honorary President of the Bank of China; Sir David Scholey; and Allan Gooda, Chairman of the IBSS luncheon club