

Newsletter

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REBUILDING ANGOLA



“IF YOU CAN SEE THE THINGS YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO BROKEN,”.....”

“AND STOOP TO BUILD THEM UP WITH WORN-OUT TOOLS”

Rudyard Kipling



**AT DONDI
LEPROSY CLINIC**

**A DAYCARE
IN QUITO**



**LOBITO
CHURCH
SCHOOL**

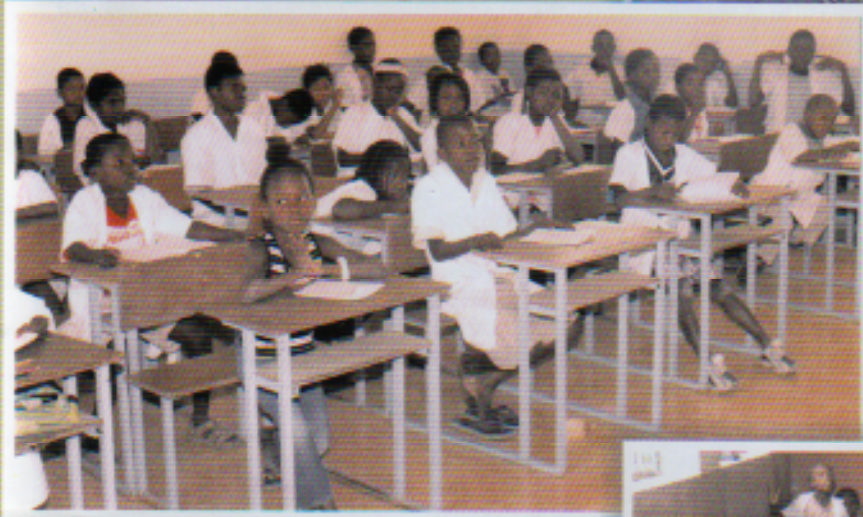


BEHIND ALL THIS - YOUR GIFTS - YOUR LOVE



**AMSF SUPPORTS RURAL
PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN
TWO ANGOLAN
METHODIST
CONFERENCES - HERE
ARE SOME OF THE
SCHOOLS.**

**KIWABA-NZOJI
(42 PUPILS)
WITH AMSF DIRECTOR
ANDRÉ DA COSTA,**



**FUNDA (OPENED WITH
AMSF HELP)**

**CATETE
(SOME WALK 12
MILES TO SCHOOL)**



COBALA - SCHOOL FOR RETURNING REFUGEES

DONORS, THIS IS WHERE YOUR LOVE GOES

- Samuel Abel, President of the AMSF Committee in Windhoek, Namibia, acknowledged with thanks the receipt of C\$13,333. For 2006 they will have 151 students, down from 300 in 2004. Many are returning home to Angola.
- Manuel David, with the AMSF Committee in Rundu, Namibia, acknowledged receipt of C\$9,996. He sent us lists from Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 explaining that a further eight university students each received C\$1000.
- Rev. Kiaku Eduardo Avelino, the Secretary of the Council of Christian Churches expresses sincere appreciation to AMSF for continuing to help the young people to university courses in law, engineering, economics and medicine. 2 in nursing & communication courses and 11 at high school level.
- Rev. Catanha, with IECA in Huambo, acknowledged receipt of US\$30,000 for women's work in Benguela, Lobito, Lubango, Dondi, Bailundo and 10 other locations.
- Ed LeMaster moved that we take steps urgently to bring the Dondi Institute building up to government standards in order to carry on the school program for the 300 students. It will likely cost \$10-12,000 US to put a roof on. (We should have C\$12,000, \$24,000 and \$36,000 freed up as we phase out support to students in Namibia over the next 3 years) The roof to be paid for with the \$12000 freed up from the Namibian grant.
- \$20,000 (U.S.) was contributed to rural primary education (teachers' salaries) in two Methodist Conferences in Northern Angola.



Heartfelt Gratitude

Part of AMSFS outreach has been among Angolans forced to live in the refugee camps in Maheba (Zambia) and Rundu (Namibia), just over Angola's borders. In Namibia several hundred refugee children have been blessed with primary, secondary, trades, and university education through our ministry. Their heartfelt letters of gratitude are directly to you our donors-supporters for 35 years.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I would like to start by expressing my gratitude and appreciation for the amazing work you have done towards helping Angolan refugees in Africa and particularly here in Namibia. You are ambassadors of Christ who came to alleviate us from so many worries.

I came to Namibia in 1997 as a refugee, and have lived as one until now. At a time when we experienced difficulties and our parents had very little to support us, you came as a solution to that. Over the past years we have experienced God's love and protection in such a way that we just know He will always be there for us, no matter what the circumstances are. This is how He started providing us with sponsorships from the UNHCR, and with your help and support, we could afford to buy whatever books and stationery we needed. I want you all to know that even though we haven't met you in person we have you as parents and feel so much closer to you due to the love in Christ that we share.

May God almighty bless the work of your hands. I would like to make use of this opportunity to share with you the passage found in 2 Corinthians, Chapter 9 : 12-15. Please read it, and be blessed.

Yours in Christ,
Albelina Jorge.

Dear Messieurs/Mesdames,

I would like to applaud your organization for it's successful ability to raise funds to support an ongoing fund working to provide financial study aid to people like myself.

With the financial aid from your organization I could afford to buy schoolbooks and other study aids for the later part of my high school . I finished high school and enrolled with a local college, where I am pursuing a Bachelor of Technology in Marketing Management.

I am proud of these accomplishments. As children of Angolan parents, born in Namibia, we collectively seized the opportunity to rally together and truly make a difference within our communities.

Your financial support did an outstanding job of making a difference in the lives of many of our own, our neighbours, and others around the world I believe. Thank you for your extraordinary efforts and continued support of the Angolan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The need continues to be greater than ever as Angola continues to re-build and reconstruct.

Thank you once again!

Tuyenikelao Tchisuku

Thanks to Rev. Etta Snow, André da Costa and Dr. George Burgess for some of our pictures and to Jessica Felkel for our new letterhead.