

ZIMBABWE MUSIC TEACHER

On the 15th November we had visitors from Zimbabwe who were so eager to see our facilities and had so much interest in activities that we partake in especially music. They initiated that next year they would like to have a workshop with us. The music teacher who was on tour around the school had a chance to meet other students and taught them a few key notes with the musical instrument he had called (setinkana) and the students were very happy. They also donated one setinkana to the school so we can continue practicing some tunes with it.



Visitors from Zimbabwe



Students

CLOSING REMARKS

I Hope this newsletter has given you insight of various activities that has been going on at Pudulogong recently.

WISHING THE READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

4. ACTIVITIES ATTENDED

Mochudi resource center for the blind hosted their annual fund raising event which was held on the 2nd of Nov and was attended by the coordinator Mr. Pheko and training coordinator Mr. Sibanda. The course of the fundraising is for the project that the center is under taking for building a center for the kids.

5. CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas showered early at Pudulogong as we saw the Gaborone Rotary Club spend a day on the 16th November 2013 with the students and gave them Christmas presents. The coordinator of the rotary club Mr. Tony Chigaazira handed over the gift to the school which was toiletry that each student will take home with as the schools close. We thank the Rotary Club for their kindness in donating to the students. The day was accompanied by some tummy warmers for all those who attended.

STUDENTS FAREWELL / CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again the year has come to an end we have to say good bye to those doing their final year on the 23rd November the students had their farewell party were they partied their day off socializing and dancing the day off. We wish all those finishing the best of luck in life and future and to those still behind to keep working hard.



OUR VISION
To be a world-class provider of quality, accessible and equitable training for the Visually Impaired People.

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WELCOME NOTE
Welcome to our first newsletter, to inform and share some information with you about our activities and issues relating to Pudulogong.

1. DONATIONS

BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE DONATES TO CHARITY

"If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be what he gives" Robert South (1634-1716). Pudulogong Rehabilitation and Development Trust for the blind was amongst the selected beneficiaries on the annual BDF ANNUAL CONCERT IN STYLE AND DONATION TO CHARITY NIGHT" which was held on the 08th of November at SSKB auditorium. This is an annual event that the BDF host to raise funds for charity and assist under-privileged people in our community. The sum of P20 000 was donated to Pudulogong Centre. This financial support helps us continue in our mission and assist those in our community.

The generous support of the individuals like BDF makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make the community a great place to live.

OTHER DONATIONS RECEIVED

- Mr. & Mrs. Mekgwe - water melons
- Choppies Distributions Centre - P300 voucher and snacks
- Northern Textile Mills - 80 towels
- Shoprite USAVE Mochudi - Grocery
- Kgatleng District Matimela - Meat
- Botswana Red Cross Society - 46 pillows and 48 pillow covers
- Shoprite Airport Junction-grocery and P5000 voucher
- Mr. M.B Khan - P5000
- Century supplies - P500
- Dutch Reformed Church-toiletry
- Lewis Store Botswana-Samsung 600 litres metallic fridge worth P10 999.99 and Rotterdam 4 piece lounge suite brown worth P4999.99

We are very humbled to have received these donations as this enabled us to carry on with our daily issues and operations of the day.

PHAKALANE GOLF ESTATE

Gratitude and cheerfulness prevailed as Phakalane Golf Estate Hotel Resort with Distell handed over a cheque amounting to P120 000 to Pudulogong Rehabilitation Centre on the 14th August 2013. The donation marked the 4th year of succession to the center in extending a helping hand. This charity by donation was embarked by Phakalane to help raise funds to buy library books for the Centre. Students showed their gratuity by reciting poems and performing marimba.



Phakalane Golf Estate Hotel Resort and Distell

2. STAFF ISSUES

Pudulogong rehabilitation center welcomed new members to their Clan. The new members are the Braille teacher being Ms. Thato Nakedi and Public Relation Officer Ms. Sekwena Ilan Ngwato. On the other note we had to say a goodbye to the secretary being Ms. Idah Dikeme, Mrs Jane Mugala the Braille instructor, Sister Metsiame Ramotsisi the social worker. We welcome the new staff and looking forward to a healthy relationship with them. Welcome to the team.

Six of our training staff was enrolled in Certificate in Vocational Training this being, Mr. Busang, Mr. Kgole, Mr. Kebuileng, Mr. Morekwa, Ms. Raditlwane and Ms. Tracy Zinguvo. This training programme means they will now be BOTA accredited qualified teachers.



Pudulogong Admin Block

3. VISITORS

Pudulogong Rehabilitation center welcomed the Namibian Council for the Blind on the 10th-14th of June 2013 which consisted of four delegates. Their main objective of the five day visit was to Bench mark with the center on the following points, training programmes, project of the community, selection and admission criteria, disability policy by the government and how it is implemented, how we raise funds, orientation and mobility, activities of daily living for the visually impaired, and Braille. On their visit here they also had an opportunity to visit few places around and visit one of the student family.

IHS MOLEPOLOLE

IHS Molepolole has a project called community rehabilitation level in which they identify the needy in the community and donate to them. This have been going on now for more than six years them donating to Pudulogong. They have donated walking canes before and this year on the 14th June they donated four hand magnifiers, 1 mono mouse, for Dome magnifiers, two tripod magnifiers, one electric magnifier and one microscope magnifiers. We are forever grateful for their support to the center and looking forward to working with them even in future.

SEROWE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The department of special education from Serowe College of education visited Pudulogong center on the 24th September 2013 objective being an orientation workshop for the disabilities. The purpose of the tour was to provide teacher trainees with the real world experience and enhance the classroom programme in that the students will be able to practice social skills and to ask questions outside the controlled classroom setting, for example being able to ask questions on the spot requires critical thinking. The other reason only to mention a few was to provide professional insights from direct experience that lectures could never provide alone. The workshop was beneficial to both the teachers and students as they learnt a lot.



Pudulogong Entrance