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Students of the training course 2011
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EKUTHULENI CARPENTRY PROJECT

Training for Life!





Team and trainees, 1st row from left to right: Lisani, Last, Thato, Gabriel, Mishack. 2nd row: Brighton, Hlosoguhle, Qhubani, Kulekani, Helga

Ekuthuleni training centre at Gumtree, near Bulawayo

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WHO WE ARE

Ekuthuleni Projekte e.V. has been supporting the carpentry training since the year 2000. The work in Zimbabwe started in 1991 as part of a local church. The aim is to train young people from underprivileged backgrounds in vocational courses (with the focus on carpentry) and assist them to start their own businesses. Helga Landsmann is a qualified carpenter from Germany and has been involved in the project since its inception.

WHAT DOES "EKUTHULENI" MEAN?

In the local language Ndebele "Ekuthuleni" means peaceful place and describes the basic principle of how students and teachers live and work together in Christian Community.

TRAINING FOR LIFE

The training centre is located 20km south of Bulawayo. Part of the training programme includes general life skills such as gardening, chicken keeping for self support, use of solar energy, welding, social activities, camping, excursions e.g. factory visits, sports and arts.

Furthermore Ekuthuleni students also teach basic woodworking skills at "Riverside Collegiate", a school for handicapped children in Bulawayo.

After the initial two year carpentry training the young carpenters have the opportunity to start their own activities in their, often rural, communities. It is also possible to continue working independently in the Ekuthuleni Production Unit in order to deepen practical and business skills.

EKUTHULENI - A PLACE TO GROW

Through the active involvement of staff, students and neighbours from the area, Ekuthuleni has grown into a community centre over the past 20 years. A church meets for services and home groups. There are youth activities and programmes for widows and AIDS orphans. In 2005 the "Shalom Preschool" was established through a community initiative. Volunteer teachers from the neighbourhood also offer evening classes and computer lessons for those who want to further their education.



»WHENEVER POSSIBLE EKUTHULENI IDENTIFIES PROJECTS TO EXPOSE THE STUDENTS TO "LEARNING ON THE JOB" SITUATIONS. HERE WE PUT UP THE ENTIRE ROOF (TRUSSES AND TILING SHEETS) ON THE DORMITORY OF AN ORPHANAGE. EVEN THE INSTRUCTORS WERE CHALLENGED WITH THE HALF ROUND ENDS OF THE BUILDING, BUT AS A TEAM WE MANAGED TO DO IT PERFECTLY!«

Extract from project report: Oct, 2015

ACTIVE FOR AFRICA

All Ekuthuleni activities have a strong emphasis on self support, personal development and community engagement. Due to the difficult political and economic situation in Zimbabwe it is however not possible for the projects to sustain themselves entirely on a financial basis. Ekuthuleni Projekte e.V. in Germany therefore supports the ongoing programmes in Zimbabwe.

WELCOME @ EKUTHULENI

All those interested in Ekuthuleni activities are invited to join Ekuthuleni Projekte e.V. as members or partners and receive regular updates from the projects in Zimbabwe. It is possible for individuals to visit Ekuthuleni in Zimbabwe and be directly involved in the different programmes. It can make a REAL difference in life for you as well as for the students. Contributions such as tools and equipment are also much appreciated.