



Damaraland Special

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There are always many needs in underdeveloped countries where floods, droughts, famine, unemployment, war, political unrest and the like are everyday occurrences. **Namibia**, which comprises the **Diocese of Damaraland**, has all these, yet determinedly and with the help of God, makes plans for the future as if it **might** be possible to meet those needs. Courage and perseverance and a large measure of faith are the trademark of our Christian brothers and sisters in that land, and we salute them in their endeavors to minister to the people and to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them.

This newsletter details but a few of the many needs in **Namibia**, in order that you might become unfamiliar with some of the specific projects and programmes of the Diocese. Perhaps one in particular will appeal to you for your own special help. We hope that will be the case.

School at Onekwaya

(Opened April 18, 1980 with 75 students)

Since the late 19th century the Anglican church has been concerned with the educational needs of the people within Namibia. Out of this concern, **St. Mary's Mission School** was established in 1924 to provide an education in the English medium for the young people in the northern areas of Namibia.

For many years the only English-medium school for blacks in the country, St. Mary's grew and later added on a high school beyond the higher primary. Unfortunately, the location of the school and the mission, right next to the border of Namibia and Angola, became a detriment with the coming of the war and its increasing effect on the daily lives of people in the area. Conditions continued to deteriorate until it was decided in April 1979 to close the school for two main reasons:

- 1) With the war, this area had become unsafe for students and staff.
- 2) The educational atmosphere--which is vital in any school--had become very poor.

At the time when the decision to close was made, there were 191 students--94 in the high school and 97 in the primary--being taught by a total of 15 teachers at St. Mary's School. Thus these students have been left without a school and the teachers without employment.

As the demand for education in the English medium has remained and even increased, we have been looking for a suitable site on which to begin a school so that the educational momentum built up by St. Mary's School would not be entirely lost. After travelling and consideration we have decided that the best site for a **new school is at Onakwaya**, approximately 50 kilometres south of St. Mary's Mission. The church is already in possession of a large grounds there, and the site will enable us to accomodate former St. Mary's school students; it will also be further from the operational area and consequently much safer.

An additional advantage is that there is a small existing school of the Anglican church at Onekwaya, which as been teaching students in Standard 3 (fifth year) for more than twenty years. In order to begin to achieve our aim, we have already renovated three classrooms at a cost to date of approximately R4,000, which will be ready for use during 1980 for teaching students in Standards 3 to 5. We estimate we will have between 100 and 150 students in the school during this year.

Next year we hope to build new classrooms so that the school will provide education at the high school level as well. In order to accomodate the high school and complete the school complex, we have estimated that we will need the following buildings to begin with: 5 classrooms, 2 offices, a library, a study hall and teachers quarters (most of our teachers will have to travel a very long distance to reach the school). In addition to equipping the classrooms adequately, we will need a school truck--an important piece of equipment in such a remote area.

Budget

1980

Cost of renovations	R6 000
Educational equipment & facilities	1 000
Teachers salaries (3 teachers)	4 600
Maintenance salary	800
Sundry additional costs	500
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	R13 300

1981

Cost of new buildings	R150 000
Cost of School Truck	12 000
Furnishing and equipment	24 000
Teachers salaries (6 teachers)	11 520
Administrative & maintenance salaries	4 320
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	R201 840

Conclusion.

We are conscious of the difficulties facing us in this venture. Nevertheless we believe that this project is in accordance with God's will, and we pray and trust in Him to fulfill this purpose in relation to the school at Onekwaya.

Youth Ministry

There are over 60,000 Anglicans within Namibia. Statistically, at least one-third are under the age of 25; thus on initial estimates, we have a field for youth ministry of at least 20,000 young people.

Young people always undergo change as they reassess their own reaction to the attitudes and values of their parents and society. In Namibia, the country itself is undergoing a period of stress and change, so that the scope of the decisions having to be made by young people is increased to nearly all areas of life--political, social and spiritual.

Thus, in Namibia, it is vital for Christ's Church to positively and relevantly present the gospel of Jesus Christ to young people. With this in mind, the Diocese appointed Michael Hishikushitja and Inge Nghandi to be "Nomad" youth workers within Namibia during 1978. After their year of work was completed, Michael was appointed Diocesan Youth Officer in 1979. Nonetheless we are experiencing the following difficulties in effecting a meaningful youth ministry programme:

- 1). We are unable to pay Michael an adequate salary for him to support his wife and himself. Thus at present he is teaching English part-time.
- 2). We do not have the money to provide Michael with independent transport. This results in him having to rely on others for his transport needs, making effective youth ministry very difficult in a country as big as Namibia.

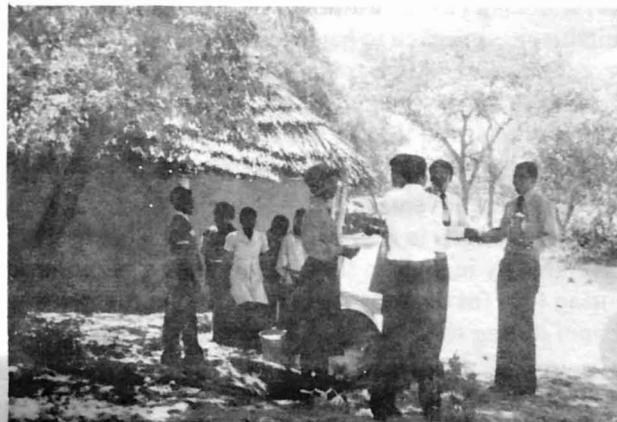
Therefore we hope to be able to do the following:

- a). afford to pay Michael sufficient salary (R160 per month) to enable him to concentrate fully on youth work;
- b). provide sufficient money for transport costs incurred in Youth Ministry.

Our budget for 1980 is therefore:

Salary for youth officer	R1 920
Cost of vehicle	6 000
Transport costs	2 000
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	R9 920

We pray that with the necessary support, we will be able to begin an effective youth ministry within Namibia for the glory of Jesus Christ.



Activity Centre & Craft Centre
Proposed Budget 1980

Activity Centre

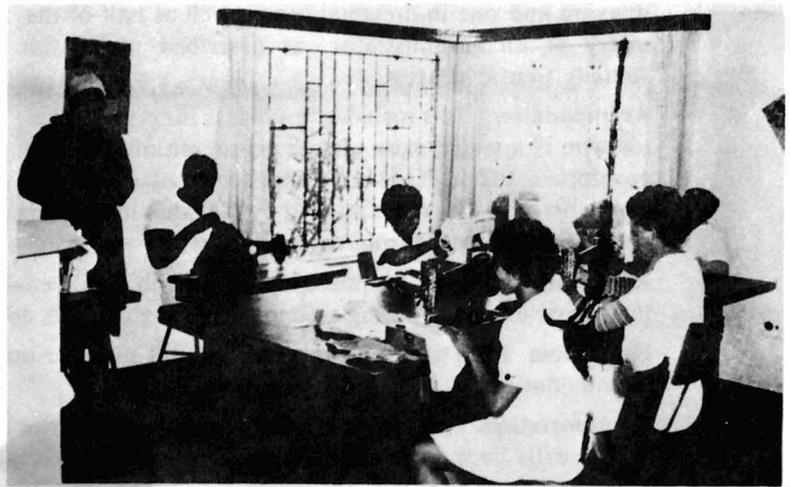
Expense		
Salaries	R12 360	
Water & Electricity	720	
Rates & Sanitation	240	
Milk, Tea & Refreshments	1 430	
Vehicles - Fuel	4 200	
Vehicles - Repairs & Maintenance	2 400	
Books, Stationery, Art material	288	
Medicine chest	110	
Entertainment & Outings	330	
Toys & Educational games	500	
Vehicle licences	100	
Vehicle insurance	350	
Building insurance	300	
Building contents insurance	100	
Children's insurance	100	
Audit fee	150	
Furnishings	200	
	<u> </u>	R23 878
VW Minibus	7 000	
Cost of moving to new centre (toilets, playground, repairs)	<u>10 000</u>	17 000
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Total expense		R40 878
Income		
School fees		<u>(2 380)</u>
Total needed from other sources		R34 498

Craft Centre

Expense		
Salaries	6 360	
Accommodation & living expense	600	
Water & Electricity	600	
Rates & Sanitation	240	
Allowances	2 880	
Hostel fees	1 920	
Transportation	200	
Advertising & promotion	100	
Building insurance	125	
Wool	900	
String	180	
Sewing materials	600	
Miscellaneous	200	
Total expense	<u> </u>	R14 705
Income		
Dressmaking sales	720	
Carpets	2 000	
Rent of room	<u>600</u>	
		<u>(3 320)</u>
Total needed from other sources		R11 385



Activity centre children at play



Learning dressmaking at craft centre

Notes on Proposed Budget for Activity and Craft Centre

Activity Centre

The Activity Centre is an interracial play school started in Windhoek by the Anglican Church in January 1977. It has grown from a nucleus of fifteen children in one centre to three distinct groups: one with 40 children near the centre of town, one with 30 children at St. Michael's Church in Katutura, and one with 15 children at Grace Church in Khomasdal. The budget need is R40 878.

Salaries. The salaries are for eight teachers and assistants, plus part-time janitor and drivers; also included in this figure is half of the salary of an administrator or supervisor, whom we hope to find to handle enrollment and personnel, ordering and control of supplies and materials and related matters. The other half of the supervisor's salary is included in the Craft Centre budget, as it is hoped that he or she would be able to administer both projects.

Milk, etc. Milk is provided for every child each day, as well as tea or coffee for the teachers. The children carry a snack of their own to eat with the milk.

Vehicles - Fuel. The daily transportation of children involves two VW Kombis, each running 44 km; then there are also occasional trips--with a sick child, or to pick up some supplies.

Entertainment and outings. About six times a year the school goes on an outing: to a nearby park, to the museum, to a game reserve and park with swimming bath 30 km away, or to the zoo at Okahandja, 65 km away. Once a year they take an overnight trip to the seaside at Swakopmund and the harbour at Walvis Bay, 780 km return trip. There is also usually a Christmas party at the close of the school year, with refreshments of cake and cool drink and a small gift such as balloons or pencils.

VW Minibus. This item was included in our last year's budget, but funds not having been received for it, it is still a high-priority need, especially as one of the vehicles presently in use has been purchased by a parish, which will not only be asking money for the use of it, but will sometimes require the vehicle for their own use at times inconvenient for the school.

New Centre. As we have recently found a building for the Windhoek group which is larger, with more spacious grounds, and in a more suitable location, we are at present in the process of purchasing it and preparing to adapt and equip it for this purpose, thanks to the generous assistance from friends overseas who have provided funds for the house. The amount here is the estimated cost of adapting the place for use as a play school.

School fees. This figure is based on R7 per child per quarter; though it may seem a low fee, a number of parents have difficulty in meeting even this amount and it brings in at best only R2380 to offset expenses.

Craft Centre

The Craft Centre was started in 1978 to train indigenous people in the craft of weaving mats and tapestries of locally-grown karukul wool, and in sewing clothing to meet community needs; the ultimate aim of these programmes is to help people to earn their own living by means of these skills. It is also hoped to use the centre to revive interest in some of the more traditional crafts such as basket-making, wood-carving and wood-burning. Total budget is R14 705.

Salaries. This covers salaries of two instructors in weaving and one in dressmaking, as well as half of the salary of an administrator, as described under the Activity Centre salaries.

Accommodation. This includes hostel fees for one instructor who is a single man, and therefore required by the government to live in the municipal hostel. Also included is the cost of gas for cooking used by the other instructors who live on our premises and by trainees who sometimes prepare their lunch during the sessions.

Allowances. This is a proposed amount which would enable us to pay trainees a small monthly stipend to cover their basic expenses during training, as many of them come from homes which have little or no income.

Hostel fees. This, too, is a proposed amount to cover hostel fees in the case of single men, as mentioned under Accommodation.

Transportation. The only expenses involved here are trips to buy materials, or to carry finished products to outlets, also, usually once during a training session, the group is taken to observe an established weaving industry outside Windhoek.

Income. The income from sale of items made in the centre is relatively low, but we have found that it is due to the substandard quality of many of the items produced by inexperienced trainee weavers and dressmakers.



Weaving trainees at work

Extension of St. George's Projected

As the demand for high school education increases, it has been decided to consider the possibility of extending St. George's Diocesan School from the present Standard 4 to a full high school to Standard 10, so that those who have completed primary education may continue high school in the same place, and others may be accommodated as well.

To get some idea of how this could be accomplished and how much it would cost, the architects were asked for their opinion. It was desired to provide for 60 pupils in pre-prep, 110 in the junior school and possibly 160 in the senior school. The reply of the architects is as follows:

The development would consist of a hall, possibly a hostel, the existing hall converted into classrooms and a junior department consisting of four classrooms, two stores, four offices, a resource centre/library, toilets etc. Certain existing classrooms would be utilised for the junior school. The senior school would consist of the same accommodation but with seven classrooms.

The cost of the above would be approximately R1 100 000 ie. R700 000 and included within that cost is an amount of R350 000 for the hostel.

They stressed that this figure was the maximum cost, since we had not told them the exact amount of money available for the project, but that "obviously the school could be planned to suit whatever cost is available but this would mean an adjustment of standards of accommodation".

Therefore the amount of R650 000 for the school and R350 000 for the hostel are rough estimates of what will be needed to expand the school as hoped.



Bishop James Kauluma visiting after a service

Swakopmund Session



Clergy Refresher Course

The value of continuing training for the clergy and just the opportunity to meet together and share ideas and concerns, in a country that is spread out and difficult to traverse, is immeasurable. This particular course was funded by a UTO grant.

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