



SKIT course Oeganda

In 2009 the DWW has been very busy organizing the Sewing Knitting Information Transfer (SKIT) course in Uganda. Goods needed for the course, toolsets, books, sewing- and knitting machines etc., were shipped in May 2009. On second Christmas Day, the 26th December two volunteers of the DWW departed for Uganda. Unfortunately the sea container which stood already 4 months in Kampala had not yet got custom cleared. So the first two weeks of the course the trainers had to improvise. They managed very well with the help of URDT and local participants. At the time the container was released the course materials were quickly brought in by URDT. Luckily there are 2 follow-up courses to come in August 2010 and in 2011. Our two volunteer trainers, Wim and Rob, were assisted by Lydia and David, two trainers from Kenya. Nineteen participants from different organisations and towns took part in the course. Pim van Ginneken took photographs and filmed the course. These will be used for DWW PR activities.

Evaluation SKIT partners Kenya

To see the results of the training courses in Kenya and film this, Rob, Wim and Pim visited 26 trained maintenance men and women, SKIT trainers and partners organisations around Kisumu and Nairobi. The need for skilled sewing and knitting machine technicians is great and



Nyalenda "container workshop" Kisumu

the ones trained in the SKIT courses have enough work to do. All of the visited did a great job to train others in the maintenance field and maintained valuable income generating sewing and knitting machines.



SKIT Oeganda participants and trainers Januari 2010

Unique visit to Kitale prison Kenya

Thanks to Brother Linus Schoutsen and Joseph Wim, Rob and Pim were able to visit Kitale prison.

Brother Linus Schoutsen is working in the Father Grol's Welfare Project. He and the other staff members visit all Kenyan prisons to and motivate inmates to learn a craft. When they leave prison they help them with a DWW sewing machine or toolkit, to motivate them starting a small scale business and not returning to jail.



Joseph met de kleermakers in Kitale prison

Joseph is prison warden and is a trained SKIT technician. He is warden at the tailoring department of the Kitale prison. There the (black and white striped) prison costumes are made and tailoring is done for outside customers. Joseph is a very motivated man. He has been hard hit by the election riots in 2008; his brother and sister in law were killed and he looks after their children, his workshop, with 3 sewing machines which he had for repair and his tools, was burnt down.

Mencia de Mendoza loopt voor Kenia

High school organizes Sponsor run.

Two hundred fifty pupils from a high school in Breda will take part in a sponsor run. The profit of the run will be sent to Father Groll's Welfare Project in Kenya. Father Grol's Project gives prisoners a chance to learn a craft during

their stay in prison. After qualifying and at the end of their detention they will be helped with a toolset or a sewing machine to start a small scale business.

SKIT Training Centers Kenya

There are 3 SKIT training centres in Kenya: Nairobi, Kisumu and Keserian. They are part of technical colleges, where they have their own classrooms for training. They are functioning very well. The manuals and documentation are used and the spare parts are nicely sorted in



SKIT TC Nairobi

boxes. Many customers make use of the facilities and local maintenance men and women are trained by the Kenyan SKIT trainers.

Kawuonda Women's group Kenya

In Sigoti, 50 km from Kisumu, a women group received 10 DWW sewing machines. Nicely packed in their own cases. Two persons followed the SKIT training course in maintenance in Kisumu TC. The sewing machines are used among others for sewing school uniforms, and income generating activity.

Three new RD Congo projects

Paroisse Notre Dame de Rosaire. In the aftermath of the war the destruction of the socio economic situation is clearly seen. Slowly things alter and the Paroisse Notre Dame de Rosaire has started voca-



tional training for women, teenage mothers, handicapped, AIDS/HIV patients, and orphans. 180 people a year get a training. The DWW will help with high quality goods, such as tools, bicycles and sewing machines.

Father Ben Overgoor SVD is already many years in RD Congo. At the moment he is head of the Kivuvu College in Bandundu. The school has a high standard and pupils do very well. For the renovation of their computer classrooms the DWW will send 20 network computers and 7 computers for the staff. We are trying to find footballs and football shirts as well.

Father Willy Janssen asks 5x5 computers for 5 schools in Kinshasa.

Treadle machines for Rwanda

Treadle sewing machines for Solace Ministries To Solace Ministries in Ruanda we could send 10 treadle sewing machines



DWW volunteer Wil paints the treadle machines

and 6 hand- and electrical machines. Those will be used in women groups for training and income generating activities.

For Association of Hope in Rwanda sewing machines are ready for transport.

All cases with sewing machines are packed with clothmaterial, buttons, zips etc. together with the spareparts like needles, oil, bobbins and pressure foot.

Uganda projects collect their goods

Huys Link Community Initiative, (HUYSLINCI) in Entebbe, Uganda thank the DWW for the goods they received. One box with an industrial sewing machine was missing.

Greetings to you from **Fr. Joseph, the staff and community of St. Josephs' school in Kabale -Uganda.**

They thank you very much and your Organisation for sending them the machines for the school which we hope they will help many people. Thank you again! As regards to the classroom building project, the community members are working hard to realise atleast some decent classrooms.



DWW volunteer Herman at work to prepare the wooden sewing machine boxes

DWW Zimbabwe container unpacked



There was great excitement at the Projects Centre on Monday; within hours after we received the news that the container had arrived in Bulawayo, more than hundred hands were volunteering to help unpack the container. There was no

delay and no quarrels with customs, as Mrs Mwenje had done an excellent job in getting the contents pre-cleared. We used the opportunity (as we had to hire a crane) to move the old DWW container to Cowdray Park where it will be used (probably) for training.

On behalf of the staff and members of the BPC we would like to thank you, the 'Derde Wereld Werkplaats' and all who contributed towards this wonderful gift very much for all the hard work done in support of the underprivileged emerging entrepreneurs in Bulawayo. Thank you all very much indeed! I attach some photos and I will soon compile a newsletter.

Kind regards, Piet

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