

## Dear Friends of the BNC

Welcome to our first newsletter!

2011 is already underway at the BNC, with the arrival of rain, the end of the school holidays and the beginning of a new school year. We have had the usual beginning of the year activity as we make sure that all our students have a school uniform and stationery supplies and settle the children back into schools.

*A big thank you to all of you who have given donations to give our kids such a great start to a new year.*

Last year brought a mammoth change to the centre, as we came to the realisation that the only way to really make a difference and give our kids a positive future was through education. At the beginning of 2010 we began the transformation and started an education enrichment programme. Each child commits to attend their own school in the morning and have extra classes in English and maths at the centre in the afternoon. We finished the year with 120 dedicated students and the changes in their school reports have been amazing!

Word has spread through the community and we are starting 2011 with 170 children and a waiting list.

To everyone who contributed, in whatever way, to our success in 2010 we are indebted to you. Without your support our kids would not be looking at a brighter future.

## The BNC Needs You!



### Now We Need Teachers

The classrooms are ready. The children are eager. Now we need volunteers who can come and teach!

The visitor's visa for Namibia allows you to stay in the country for 3 months and we promise that it will be a great experience. So please spread the word and help us find teachers. If you have no teaching experience but enjoy kids then our remedial reading programme needs you.

### Namibian teachers

The future of the centre lies in being able to employ good Namibian teachers on a part time basis. To do this will take more fund raising. Please email us if you know of any foundation that is specifically interested in funding quality education in Africa.

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## Our First Students to Attend Tertiary Education

Romeincia and Melandri are our first students to attend higher education. They have been accepted to study Hospitality and Tourism at the Institute of Hospitality, Windhoek. Thanks to the dedicated tutoring of our



2010 volunteers both obtained much improved marks in their National examinations. We share their excitement as they start their 2 year study for a career in Tourism.

### Jazenda joins our Concordia students



Jazenda has been accepted into Grade 8 at Concordia High School and joins Meroldi, Salome and Jennifer who have all passed to Grade 9. Because of sponsors in both the USA and Britain these four can look forward to a bright future.

### Sponsoring

Your donation covers all school expenses. If you would like to sponsor a child please email us and we will send you the details.

As a guide:

High School and Board @ US\$900 Eur 675  
Day Pupil High School @ US\$300 Eur 225  
Primary School @ US\$150 Eur 110