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Crisscrossing Namibia

Gert and Jeanette Lubbe lead the work in Namibia. Initially it was on a part-time basis and after choosing early retirement, they now do this full-time. The places where the training takes place are very varied – from a theological seminary to a dry river bed; from a church building to a private home. The students are just as varied – San people, students, housewives, domestic workers, pastors, professional people, ranging in age from 15 to 60!

Namibia is a large country, about 3 times the size of the UK but it only has a population of 2.2 million. The training takes place throughout the country with Gert and Jeanette travelling many thousands of kilometres, crisscrossing Namibia from east to west and north to south in their four wheel drive camper. They are profoundly grateful to the Lord for the travel mercies they have experienced.

During the past training year, 307 module units (one person doing a module) were in delivery in Namibia, often in very remote places. One of these places is Osire, a resettlement establishment for refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Angola and Nigeria. Twenty seven leaders from 8 denominations completed Module 1 and received their certificates in October. It was a wonderful time of celebration and it was obvious that the training is greatly appreciated by the participants. Six of these students will be trained as facilitators in January and they will then run the training in different churches.

Quote from Gert and Jeanette: "Being retired is a privilege as you have time to work in the Kingdom of God, using Veritas training to prepare others for their roles as leaders".



Home away from home!



Resort workers doing Module 1



Celebration in Osire

Message from all at Veritas

As we approach Christmas, our prayer for you is that you may know the Lord's peace and joy - because *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"*

Angola

Helping to rebuild a broken nation

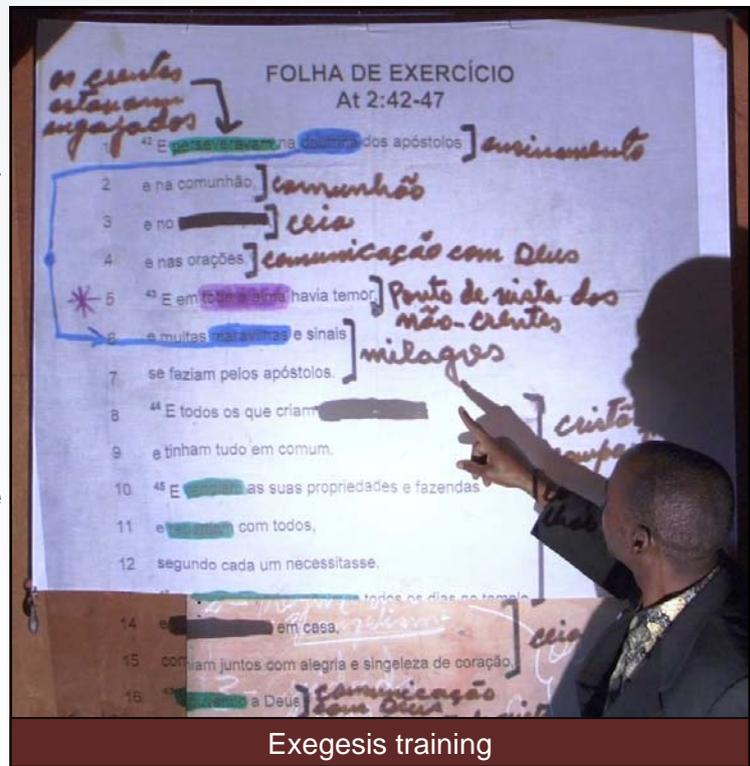
Angola is a country which is still reeling from a 27 year war which ended in 2002. Millions of people were displaced and up to 1.5 million died. Reconciliation and the rebuilding of the country is taking place with the church at the forefront in many cases.

Jeanette and Gert started with Veritas training there a few years ago. They travel into Angola twice a year to do the training. In the beginning travel times took longer than the training because of the conditions of the roads – this has now started to improve with the rebuilding projects which are underway.

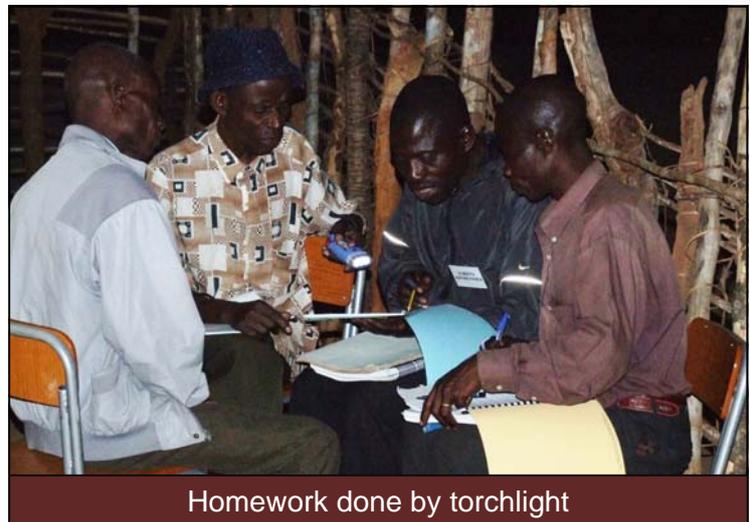
Close to 200 people have already been trained in different modules. The first local facilitators have been trained and one of them is already training a group. Modules 1-3 have been translated into Portuguese.

Prayer Requests

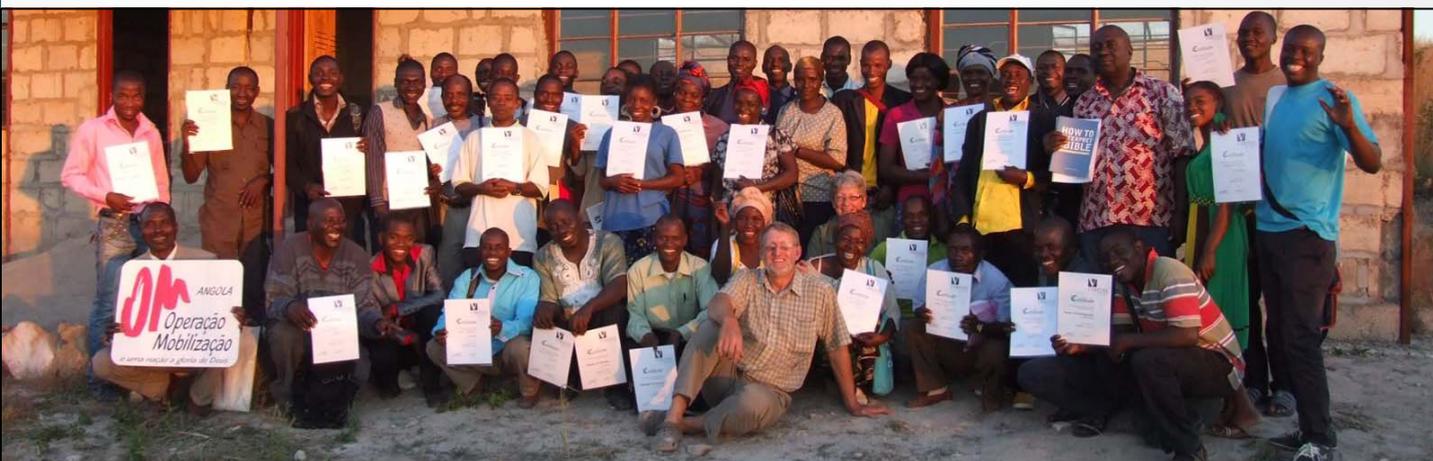
- For wisdom in furthering this work and how to meet the growing need for Veritas training in a responsible and sustainable manner.
- For the facilitators in both countries to grow in their understanding and presentation of the Veritas material.
- For the translation of Mod 4 into Portuguese as it will be needed in Angola by July 2012.
- For an arrangement to transport material into Angola and for the tax payments required.



Exegesis training



Homework done by torchlight



Module 2 participants receive their certificates at Menongue

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