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Dear Mr Horne

SUCCESS OF THE LITERATI PROGRAMME

During our training both my wife and I concluded that Literati was a programme of excellence. Utilizing the programme, however, took me - lecturer in Setswana and didactics and ex-schoolteacher - completely by surprise.

The training of facilitators runs smoothly and I am amazed to see them learning so much so quickly. My primary aim as facilitator of facilitators is to enable Motswana learners to read the Bible independently and to write in order to enhance their human dignity.

To date, the training taking place on the farm of Mr Pieter v.d. Merwe (tel 018 - 596 2080) - Wolmaranstad district - is my biggest success story. One of the farm workers, holding a matric certificate, was trained to facilitate. The training was done over two days (approx. 10 hrs.). Velaphi, the facilitator, then proceeded with the Literati training which took place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings initially. After four sessions the learners became so inspired that they decided to do lessons from Mondays till Thursdays, 1½ hrs per evening. After two months' training - and approx. 60 hours later - I was pleasantly surprised. These adult farm workers could read and write. Words fail me to describe the excitement, self-satisfaction and confidence of a farmhand who has been empowered to read and write.

The success of the programme can only be attributed to the manner in which it tackles the problem of illiteracy:

- The mechanics of reading and writing are taught in the learner's mother tongue;
- the subtle, interactive repetition and revision, and
- the thorough, constructive and systematic sequencing of the steps of learning.

Facilitators are provided with lesson plans, outcomes and teaching aids. The training kit also makes the training easy and gratifying - even for inexperienced facilitators who need not be qualified educators.

Literati thus lays a very solid foundation for further ABET training - it is the key to a new future for illiterates.

As an ex-teacher and lecturer I can recommend Literati to any SETA or employer. The programme is cost-effective and, in my opinion, success-guaranteed.

Congratulations to the designer of Literati on producing this quality programme.

Friendly greetings

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