

FAITH IN NAMIBIA

Bringing hope, one school at a time



A Breakthrough in Rehoboth

While our vision to partner with schools across Namibia has met with some resistance, we have a reason to celebrate! JTL Beukes Primary School has embraced our vision so fully that they have appointed me as the **school's Patron**. This is a major step forward in building partnerships that transform communities.

Why JTL Beukes Stands Out

The school serves over **1,036 learners** with **36 dedicated teachers**, many from disadvantaged backgrounds. In just nine months under a new, passionate principal, they've seen:

- ✓ Five learners win prizes at the Regional Science Fair.
- ✓ Two learners selected for the Rugby National Team.
- ✓ A renewed sense of pride and hope despite major infrastructure challenges.



One-on-One Engagement that Works

I met personally with the principal, Mrs //Usis, and the Heads of Departments. We spoke about:

- Their time at the school.
- The changes they've seen.
- Their dreams for the future.

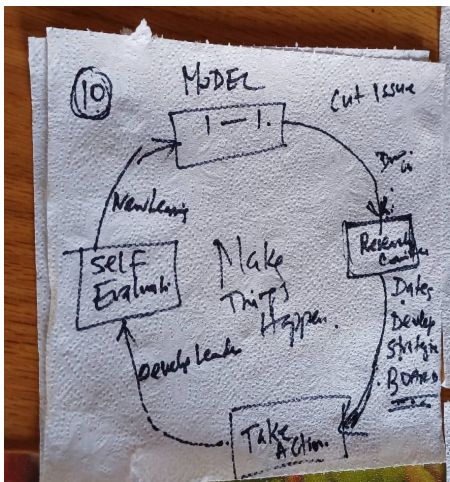
How they can personally contribute. They were so inspired that they committed to bringing colleagues to our next meetings.



Inspiring Vision and Mission

Pastor John facilitated a special training session, highlighting the school's on the organizing model. He took the leadership team to the School's Vision and Mission Statement,

Vision: To be at the forefront in excellent and competitive education, regionally and nationally.
Mission: To assist learners to become responsible, mature, and dedicated citizens.



Environmental Goals in Action

Faith in Namibia's **2025 goal** is *environmental protection and climate change mitigation*, starting with schools. At JTL Beukes, this comes to life through our **Adopt-a-Tree Project**.

- 🌱 Each learner will plant and care for a tree during their years at the school.
- 🌱 The Ministry of Environment and Tourism has sponsored **50 trees**.
- 🌱 Our first **Tree Planting Ceremony** is set for **13 August 2025**. JTL has 25 learners in their Grade R class and have 4 class rooms, meaning a 100 learners will participate in this initiative.



Caring for God's Creation

We gathered in the school hall for a special event that reminded us of our shared responsibility to care for the environment. Rev. Gertze led the children and teachers in a short devotion and prayer, encouraging us to see environmental care as part of partnering with God in looking after His creation.

We were honoured to have representatives from the Ministry of Forestry, who gave an informative presentation on the different types of trees and how to care for them. They also shared valuable insights into the effects of global warming and why it is vital for each of us to take action to protect our planet.



Colin did 1:1 with Denvor Mouton a former learner, whom donated manure towards the tree planting day.



The school still needs:

- 16 drums of paint to complete the repainting.
- Infrastructure repairs for roofs, ceilings, and sewerage.
- Support for sports and cultural programs.



Leonard Beukes a former learner from 1994– currently unemployed, giving back to the school by offering his painting talent to repaint the school for a very low wage.

Ongoing Challenges

Even with these successes, the school still faces:

- Leaking roofs, collapsed ceilings, and blocked sewerage systems, painting of school hall.
- An incomplete repainting project example we still need **16 drums of paint** still needed for classrooms and then we will tackle the school hall.
- Limited resources for sports and cultural activities, currently supported by the principal's own salary.

Strategic Projects

1. **Greenhouse for Soup Kitchen** – to ensure each learner gets a nutritious meal before lessons.
2. **Sports & Cultural Development** – building discipline, teamwork, and confidence.

Fundraising

- ◆ Through the 1:1 engagement approach, we have raised:
NAD 3,000 for paint.
USD 100 from Pastor John
- ◆ **50 Trees from Ministry of Forestry**

Manure from Mr Denvor Mouton

Conclusion

Through intentional relationship building, vision alignment, and practical fundraising, JTL Beukes Primary School is emerging as a **model partner** for Faith in Namibia.

This success proves that with committed leadership and community buy-in, even schools facing major challenges can become **beacons of hope, opportunity, and environmental responsibility.**