

## Outcomes following Global Connections I

The appointment of a committee to be named "Zwelibanzi" to continue and expand the dialogue initiated during the Seminar between St. Stithians College (College, Collegiate, Prep & Junior School), the Letsibogo Girls' High School (Soweto), Reiger Park Primary School (Boksburg), Khayelihle School (Bergvlei), Pholosho School (Vosloorus) and Thutolore School (Soweto). The following areas were identified by the Committee as areas of concern:

1. the need to network with our communities,
2. develop fund-raising ideas,
3. develop structures of "discipline without tears",
4. hold a seminar on management and administration skills,
5. teach children to lead in this new society of transformation,
6. teacher development, and
7. the sharing of resources.

The undertaking is to hold a seminar or conference at a neutral venue on each of the above topics. Specialist speakers will be brought in; a lot of group work will be done; networks will be built after each conference; and follow-up sessions will be held at each school.

The initiation of a Management Training workshop at St. Stithians College to further develop the collegial cooperation between independent school leaders and less-advantaged area school principals and to assist in the development of operational and management skills of the principals while sharing information on effective avenues for cooperation and expertise developed through experience in other countries and settings.

Placement of a Maru-a-Pula student from Botswana at Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts for the 1997-98 year on scholarship. During a visit by the Deerfield basketball coach and a student player to Maru-a-Pula in July, 1998, the two conducted a basketball clinic. The Chair of the Science Department at Deerfield to visit Maru-a-Pula and take part in one of MAP's week-long courses at its environmental camp on the Limpopo River in eastern Botswana. The Maru-a-Pula Director of O Level studies visited Deerfield in the Spring of 1998.

Two Students from Letsibogo Girls' School, Soweto, South Africa have received two year full residential scholarships at SCECGS/Redlands, Australia.

Starehe Boys' Centre and School, Kenya, received Grade 12 Director and two Housemasters from St. Stithians College, South Africa for a five day visit in March, 1998, resulting in Starehe's Baraza system of student meetings being introduced at St. Stithians under the name "Indaba". St. Stithians appointed a Community Service Officer with the intention of developing some such training as its Voluntary Service scheme. Subsequently, the Headmaster of St. Stithians, accompanied by his Sixth Form Master and five boys visited Starehe 11 - 16, June 1999.

The Hill School, Pennsylvania, hosted an eleventh grade Maru-a-Pula, Botswana student, in the fall of 1998. In the summer of 1998, three Hill students visited Maru-a-Pula's Bush Camp alongside the Limpopo River, studying vegetation and animal life. The students also spent time at Maru-a-Pula's main campus and safari camps in Cape Town.

Following GC I, an invitation was extended to Fred Okono, Starehe Boys' Centre and School, Kenya, to speak at the 51st General Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Independent Schools in South Africa, 7 -11 September, 1997, in Port Elizabeth. Fred Okono presented a paper entitled *The Kenyan Experience in Education*.

Anne van Zyl, Head of Stanford College (South Africa), reports that a Deputy at Letsibogo Girls' High School (South Africa) was appointed as Head to one of the schools "at risk" and that as a result of Zwelibanzi this new Head was one of the first invited by Anne van Zyl to one of their Covey courses.

