

Step-by-Step for tiny tots

Rotary Club of Pretoria East (D9400) is embarking on a Step-by-Step programme. As an Early Childhood Development Education Project, Step-by-Step is a learning programme and curriculum aimed at uplifting levels of teaching and learning in crèches and pre-schools. It was designed by Educational Missionaries Dave and Judi Carnegie in the early 1980's and implemented as a pilot project at Fountain of Life Pre-School in Wembezi , outside Estcourt in KZN.



Since then, the demand for a pre-school curriculum and learning programme has increased significantly and Step-by-Step has successfully been introduced to, and is being used in crèches and pre-schools in many African countries, including South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, Ghana, Tanzania, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia amongst others.

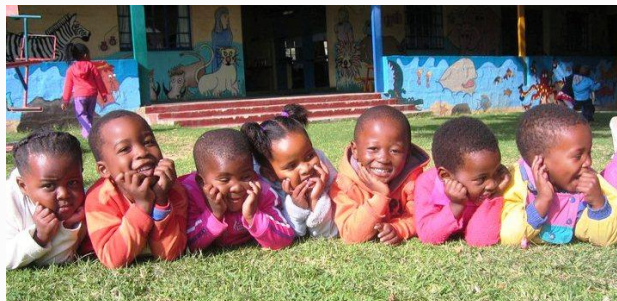
Step-by-Step consists of a full year's teaching programme designed for children in the 4-5 year old age group. It contains lesson plans, activities, stories, sing-a-long rhymes and songs. It is a complete teaching toolkit for teachers. There are 14 themes, and each theme runs over a 3 week period. The lesson plans and activities are contained in a series of books, one book per theme. The timetable, and lesson plans have been designed to help teachers provide a stimulating learning environment, and introduces letters, numbers, shapes and colours in a learning- through-fun concept.

There are many crèches and pre-schools around South Africa (and Africa), where the main challenge for the kind ladies who run these "care facilities" is to find



stimulating learning activities for the children to keep them busy during their days at "school ". Step-by-Step is the perfect solution as anybody can pick up the teaching booklets and have everything they need at their fingertips.

The aim of the project for the Rotary Club of Pretoria East is to identify crèches and assist in obtaining funding to purchase the Learning Programme as well as to train and assist the teachers in implementing and using the programme.



Step-by-Step and SOUNDS will work perfectly hand-in-hand, and the vision going forward is to equip as many teachers and crèches as possible with Step-by-Step and SOUNDS, and uplift the level of learning and teaching in crèches. The vision of Rotary Clubs throughout Africa partnering with Step-by-Step and SOUNDS is exciting and opens up a myriad of opportunities for Rotary's area of focus in Literacy.