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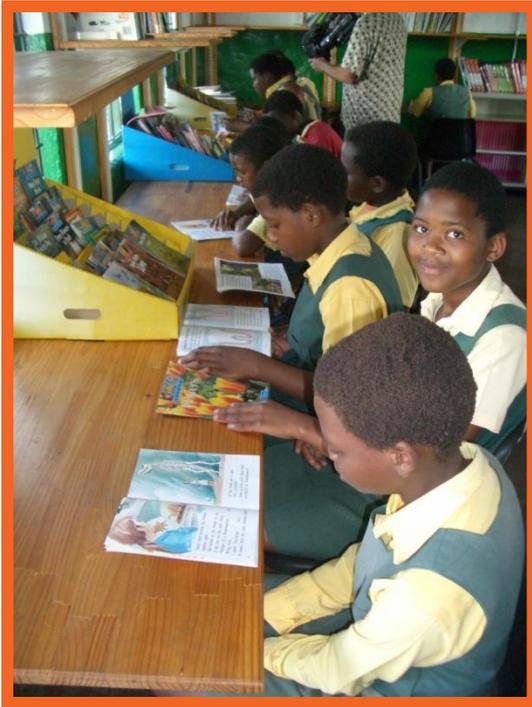
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Building schools in rural Kwazulu-Natal South Africa

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A school built by ECAG

THE ESHOWE STORY

Eshowe is a small regional town, primarily agricultural, in the state of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, about 100 miles (150km) north of Durban. The population is predominantly Zulu. Eshowe has a rich history as a former British administrative center. It's famous for a natural area called the Eshowe Forest.

In 1977, the desperate need for a Secondary School in the growing township of Gezinsila (now King Dinizulu Suburb), near Eshowe, had come to the attention of the local Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Eshowe assisted in the formation of what is now the Eshowe Community Action Group or, as it is known worldwide, the ECAG.



Class under trees can't be held in cold or rainy weather.

ECAG invented a clever arrangement. A local community would raise a 10% deposit (these days about \$1,200, a large sum in rural South Africa), then ECAG would find an organization or individual to provide the other 90%. ECAG found engineers to develop a simple standard classroom design, easily duplicated, so that every school would be easy to build and safe for the students.



Civil engineer Emmanuel at Emasundwini School

IT WORKS!

The local community's investment means the people respect and care for their school. The standard plan ensures that common materials and readily-available skills are used in construction of each school.

The day-to-day running of the ECAG is done through the offices of Makhoba Volbrecht & Associates. Their work is overseen by a management committee consisting of Rotarians, headmasters, Department of Education and Culture officials and other Provincial Government officials. The organization has, to date, achieved the building of just under 2,000 classrooms and 14 laboratories at 150 locations.

The learners are between 5 - 21 years old. Thousands of these children do not go to school, not through any fault of their own, but rather due to a lack of educational facilities. In rural South Africa, there are no libraries, movie theatres, or other places where children can learn about the world outside their community.

African Classroom Connection is an American tax-exempt nonprofit organization working to provide resources to help build and improve schools in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

The vision of Africa Classroom Connection is that every child in KwaZulu Natal has the opportunity for an excellent education.

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