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# A Deaf Artist's Gift Teaches Others

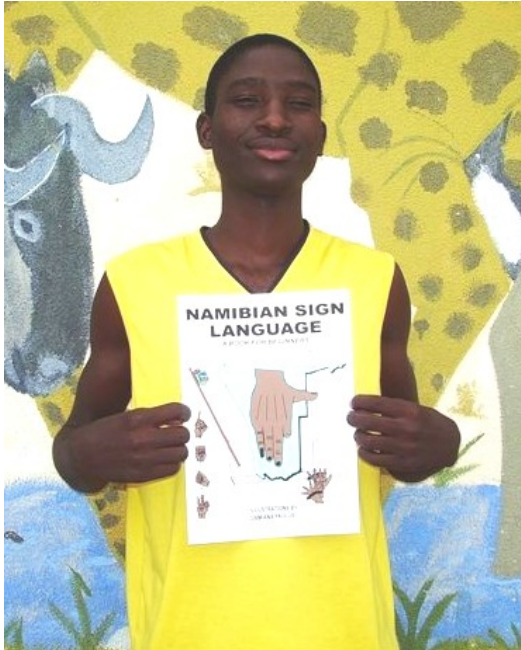


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***Damiana, a graduate of the Eluwa Special School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, illustrated the Namibian Sign Language Textbook.***

Damiana Paulus is a 21-year-old deaf man who communicates with sign language. A graduate of the Eluwa Special School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired in Ongwediva, Namibia, Damiana has always expressed a special interest in drawing. So when USAID funded the school's development of a national sign language book for beginning signers, Eluwa hired Damiana.

With the help of the arts teacher at Eluwa, Damiana created drawings for the book that users have called exceptionally clear, precise and showing in maturity and character. The Namibian National Association for the Deaf was so impressed with his illustrations in the book that it hired him to illustrate a sign language dictionary. The Namibian Sign Language Book will be available in print and on the National Institute for Educational Development Web site, which is used by educators nationally.

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