

# Lasting Impressions Happenings

## July, 2009

### Instructor Selection Course – “Hell Week”

New Recruits – Strategizing for building a bridge.



Their first attempt landed them in the swamp.

### Sewing Project to empower ladies and assist needy children.

This month we received a large box of assorted materials from some lovely ladies in Northern California. Several of the families that work for us support extra children that are AIDS orphans. The primary use of the materials is to make clothes for these children. Most of the women couldn't sew at the beginning of the month. We started with some basics and they have had so much fun learning.



The machine in the above picture is an old singer that doesn't use electricity. It has been put to good use and Matha Choloka has graciously shared her machine in the bottom picture and assisted in teaching the other ladies.



Showing off some of the clothing being made for the children.

### Community Involvement with Pre-schoolers

We usually focus on older students with our camps but this month has allowed for a few opportunities to help pre-schoolers in 3 ways.

1. The Robin Hood Pre-school came out for a day to learn about nature and do some fun activities.
2. Another pre-school – Kadoma Montessori had a request from the parents to do a seminar on how improve their interaction with their children. It turned into a lovely afternoon with 4 seminars, a chance for the 42 moms to purchase basic educational materials and a time to inspire the mothers to improve their family time in some practical ways. Shelley did a seminar on family fun.
3. The 8 teachers from Kadoma Montessori also came for a team building day this month. It was rewarding to see them pull together and improve their communication, open up about some of their personal challenges, and just enjoy being together. Our hope is that the children will benefit from the improved unity amongst the teaching team.

### Conservancy Status

Lasting Impressions has been officially designated as a conservancy area by the government. It is part of 20,000 hectares in the area. It looks like it will open up lots of opportunities in the future. The government is working to restock the area with the wildlife that was originally here. Alistair has been asked to assist with training game guards to patrol the area. We're not sure all of the implications but please pray with us for wisdom to take on only what God wants us to do.

### Praise and Prayer

- Praise- Material donations for sewing project.
- Praise – Conservancy status.
- Pray – For wisdom in selecting the new instructors and for their training this next month.
- Praise – Alistair's foot is recovering with the assistance of his air cast.
- Praise – Successful Men's retreat in Mana Pools with 50 men.
- Pray – For upcoming camps in August – Family camp, Gideon's annual rally, ladies retreat, 2 youth camps.

Thanks for being part of this ministry. God is active and present in some amazing ways.

*Lots of Love,*

*Crowdaes and Crew*



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