

# July 2023 Trip



## NEWSLETTER

### USA & SA Team

This past July, a team of 19 volunteers spent a week serving the community of Gwayi River, Zimbabwe.

The team was made up of USA volunteers from Charleston, South Carolina as well as a group from Cape Town, South Africa, 3 of which were high school students from Fairmont High School.

Below are some of the highlights of this trip that we are very excited to share with you!

### Medical kits and Bible Donations

The volunteers split up into groups and walked from home to home in the villages to donate 150 medical kits consisting of essential medicine and first aid supplies to each family. Along with each medical kit, a Shona or Ndebele bible was donated to each family too. We ended our time with the families by praying for them and their specific needs. Many had never owned a bible in their life and were overwhelmed. They kept on thanking the Lord and expressed such gratitude!



### Drilling for Water



Many people of Gwayi spend hours everyday walking to collect water. On this trip, we were blessed with donations to drill for water! We were successful in the provision of water to 3 different schools in the area: Hankano, Mazwa and Gwayi Secondary School.

At Gwayi Secondary, water was hit at 52m and water was hit at Hankano at 100m, both with a 3000 litre/hour yield. In addition, a solar pump, tank and stand system was installed at both of the newly dug boreholes. Mazwa Primary's handpump was replaced with a solar pump, tank and stand system.



### School Maintenance

The chalk boards at various primary schools in the surrounding areas were given a fresh coat of paint. The students and teachers were incredibly excited to start learning from and teaching on the brand new looking boards!

# Feeding Program

Most children only get a meal a day and that meal is at school. The team was able to donate 8 tons of maize to the local schools in the area. The maize was collected from the households that they visited while handing out the medical kits and bibles and then distributed to these schools. Learners were reminded that every good gift comes from the Father and they need to thank the Lord for His provision.



# Clothing Donations

Access to clothing especially during the winter is difficult as many don't have jobs to buy clothes. For them these clothes were a godsend. Various members of the volunteer team, with the help of donors, collected clothing donations primarily for children of ages 4-6 years. These donations were handed out to two of the local primary and pre-primary schools. Curro Primary School in Cape Town, South Africa also donated their school uniform which was distributed to a local school.



On behalf of the Zim team, we would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the sponsoring of this trip. From sponsoring the drilling of boreholes to sponsoring the team members' trips - we appreciate your contribution greatly. The impact that this trip has made on the local community was life changing! Lastly, thank you to the team of 2023 for making this trip the huge success it was.

All praise and glory goes to the Lord for making this all possible!

