

# HEARING INNOVATION

June 19-July 2, 2025

A F.A.I.T.H.- filled Journey

Flexible Adaptable Intentional Teachable Honorable



Our team of four (Dennis, Deborah, Michelle, Rachel) very quickly learned to be *flexible* with our time and schedules. We waited for about 3 hours to be picked up from the airport. During our wait we got to know each other a little better, did some organizing of our baggage and tried to get Zim phone service.

Our first full day was Sunday and as we *adapted* to the time difference and differences in worship, Dennis was called up to dedicate 3 babies. He also offered the closing benediction during the Primary School chapel on Wednesday, and on our final Sunday his sermon title was “No Longer Strangers.”



As our F.A.I.T.H.-filled journey continued, we were *intentional* in our teaching and in the crafts we made and games we played. The VBS theme was The Miracles of Jesus. The memory verse was John 6:14, *Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life.* We taught that Jesus loves each one of us and one way that He proves His love and that He is the way, truth, and life, is through the miracles He performed.

We shared 3 miracle stories: the feeding of the 5000, Jesus walking on water and calming the storm, and healing the leper. On our final day we shared the *Jelly Bean Prayer* which tells of God's love for us and that we can have new life because of Jesus.



It's difficult to capture, actually it's impossible to capture all the *teachable* moments for us. We learned about shelling corn and shared in that activity, we learned about the native culture during the field trip to The Village Place, and a profound teachable moment is that even in the short space of a week that strong relationships can be formed. As we left many of the learners cried and begged for us to return soon.



The Hearing Innovation program began last year to present each grade 7 learner a Bible for the Deaf. This year we have four grade 7 learners who will be continuing their education elsewhere, but we will continue to support them through our sponsorship program and with our prayers and visits. Currently we have five learners in secondary programs in Harare whom we continue to support and make sure to visit during our time in Zimbabwe.

Our final few days in Zimbabwe were spent at the Imire safari park and browsing the craft market and included a visit to our learners at Emerald Hill and Danhiko schools. Even in those final days of relaxation our thoughts were not far from the learners and our time with them. We pray that our daily interactions with them and their teachers and all those we encountered on the Mission were *honorable*; that all we did in word and deed was done in the name of the Lord Jesus and that we worked at it with all our heart to the glory and honor of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:17,23.

