



RUAHA CONSERVATION FUND



MAUNINGA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WITH GUESTS
FROM HOUSTON,
TEXAS.

focus on Mauninga Primary School

This year we received a special request for help from Mauninga Primary School. They have requested assistance with more school text books, desks and chairs. There are plenty of other things they need but these were on the top of the list.

I am sure you remember that we are involved with 7 primary schools outside Ruaha National Park, each year we try to help them upgrade their facilities in some way.

On the occasion depicted in the photos, we were giving footballs,

books and games kit for the girls. Earlier this year we were able to give \$1,000 worth of text books to each of the schools, thanks to the Houston Zoo, Texas.

We are however in need of so much more! A little bit goes a long way.



DANCERS ENTERTAINING US

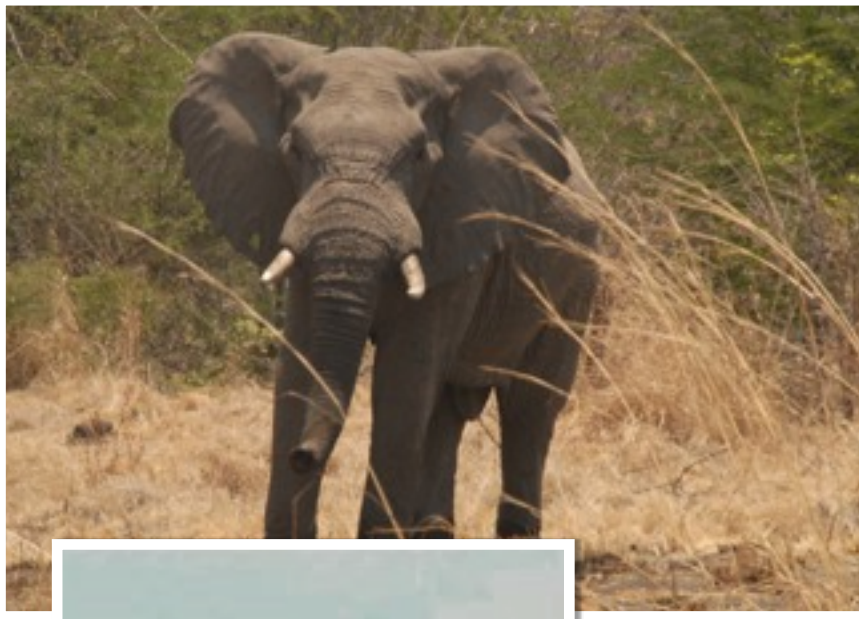


TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES



A CLASSROOM

SCHOOL TRIPS TO RUAHA PARK



THIS YEARS SCHOOL TRIPS WERE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, AS ALWAYS THIS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR.

WE MANAGED TO BRING 560 CHILDREN INTO THE PARK IN NOVEMBER, LAST YEAR. THEY START OFF EARLY IN THE MORNING FROM THE VILLAGES, AT THE PARK GATE THEY COLLECT AN EXPERT GUIDE WHO TAKES THEM ON A REWARDING GAME DRIVE. IN ADDITION TO ALL THE MORE NORMAL GAME SUCH AS GIRAFFE, IMPALA, HIPPOS ETC, ALL GROUPS SAW LIONS, ELEPHANTS, AND SOME SAW OSTRICH WHICH WAS PARTICULARLY SPECIAL.

THEY HAVE A GOOD COOKED LUNCH BACK AT HEADQUARTERS, AND A SHORT LECTURE, BEFORE HEADING HOME VIA HIPPO POOLS AND THE CROCODILES. WE THANK HARRY VLEK AND ANS DE WINTER FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT.

There is plenty we need to do

We have so many things that we would like to achieve, but as funds are always limited we chose carefully what we feel are the priorities.

Mauninga Primary school desperately need more text books, desks and chairs. We will need \$2,000 to purchase these items.

Mauninga Healthcare Center, which we also visited recently, are desperately in need of a small motor cycle for the doctor to use to visit patients who are too sick to come to his clinic.

There is no public transport within Mauninga village, you either walk or go by bicycle. This is a large village and well spread out so we are keen to buy a motor bike to help with this important issue. We will need another \$1,500.

Our thanks as always go to Harry Vlek an Ans de Winter for their continued support, without them many of our programs would not be possible.

Houston Zoo gave us a very generous donation for our school program for which we are extremely grateful.

Also we thank Justin Bell and Gillian Lyons for their generous donation.

We thank the Geiselman family for their generous support and enthusiasm for our projects.

Our thanks also goes to Bram and Deborah Vlek, and their daughters Izike and Lola for their thoughtful donation of games kit for the girls netball team.

If you would like to donate to us it can be done easily via wire transfers to RCF bank account in Iringa .

MAUNINGA PRIMARY SCHOOL



A CLASS ROOM



THE SCHOOL GROUNDS



MAUNINGA HEALTHCARE CENTER



ANOTHER CLASSROOM