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# EAGLE Learning

ENHANCED ACCESS TO GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCES

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EAGLE!

Dear friends,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope you welcomed 2024 safely and surrounded by family and friends.

As we begin a new year, it is important to reflect on the past year and look towards the future. In 2023, we focused on Building the Ark and establishing the foundation for the EAGLE Project's expansion. We hope that all of our hard work will pay off this year. We are confident that our community of generous and prayerful individuals, along with our steadfast corporate partners, will rise to the occasion and help the EAGLE team who face all challenges with faith and the courage to achieve even better results.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being a part of the EAGLE family. May God continue to bless you abundantly.

Best wishes,

Bridget

## NURTURING SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Seeing the joy and fulfilment reflected in the faces of the little ones at the Pumula Primary Learning Group confirms our belief in the importance of nurturing spiritual development at an early age. Therefore, we look forward to continuing our discipleship program in all of our learning groups this year.

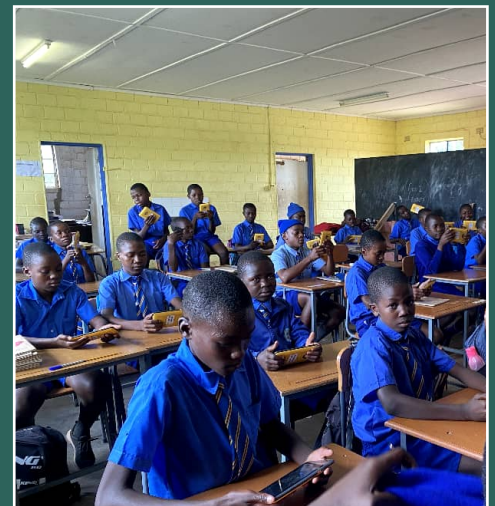


## A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Hope Secondary School is a unique institution with dedicated teachers who were the first to contribute content to the EAGLE platform. The learners, some of whom walk long distances to get to school, are equally committed to their education. The hard-working board members also put a lot of time and effort into making the school outstanding.

The new school year has begun, and EAGLE continues to positively partner with Hope Secondary. The school registered a good number of Form 1 students, some of whom attended our Grade 7 Camp in November. We are excited to accompany them on their learning journey and we hope they make good use of the learning they gained on Camp.

A significant development this term was the launch of the EAGLE app at the school in January. We are excited to integrate the app into the EAGLE platform. This will help us better track student progress and provide an improved user experience for learners. Many thanks to the Cornerstone team for their hard work in developing this app.



## MENTOR PLATFORM TRAINING

We started 2024 with a three-day Mentor Platform Training program for seven mentors in Bulawayo. Some of the participants were new members of the EAGLE family who are initiating learnings groups in the Disciple Nations Churches.

Each training day started with discipleship sessions, to emphasise the importance of spending time with Jesus. These were followed by practical sessions that covered learner platform registration, accessing the grade book, and managing student accounts, with plenty of opportunity for the mentors to practise the skills they were learning.

One of the primary objectives of this workshop was to equip the mentors with the skills to use the EAGLE platform efficiently. As well as this, they have been given ideas on fun ways to make sure kids feel seen, heard and motivated in their learning groups.

*“At first I was skeptical that three days was enough to cover all that we needed to learn. But I am now equipped and eager to teach my learners how to access the platform. The team work demonstrated by the EAGLE team was excellent.”* Ma’am Bella, Mentor



## MEET A MENTOR

I am Ma’am Bella, a 62-year-old mother of one and grandmother of one. I have other children in ministry who consider me a mother figure. In 1998, I resigned from my job and dedicated my life to serving God.

As a child, I used to babysit all the babies in my neighbourhood. Now, I am excited about the programs focused on young people in our church this year. It is our time to be the voice of God and direct the children in our community. Serving young people and representing the older generation is God’s grace, and I am thrilled about the EAGLE project starting in our church.

Through this project, our goal is to help kids know and experience God while also progressing academically. I am excited to start this learning at New Creation Church, and I look forward to younger people coming to take over my work in the future.



## NEW EAGLE NESTS

In December of last year, we received a shipment of strategic components needed to assemble more EAGLE NESTs. This month, our team has had an exciting time assembling the NESTs!

Each NEST contains 30 tablets and a portable solar unit, ensuring that the NESTs remain charged and children can learn without interruption, even if there is no electricity in their area.

EAGLE NESTs will be deployed to urban and peri-urban learning groups. One learning group has begun as a fantastic initiative to provide quality education to children living in a squatter camp. The children have registered and are eagerly waiting to begin their learning journey! Our focus remains on providing excellent learning experiences to children like this.

