

## Chip Hendrick & Friends at Kleinpoort School & Missionvale Clinic

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**In March 2011, Chip Hedrick and three of his fellow members from the SCI Sutter Buttes Chapter took six SafariCare bags to South Africa, where they distributed two bags to the children at Kleinpoort School and the other four to the Missionvale Clinic, both in the Eastern Cape. According to Chip, the hunting was dream of a lifetime, but the joy of giving will linger much longer for all of them. Posted below is a thank you letter from the Missionvale Clinic.**

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I was lucky enough to be invited to join the Sutter Buttes Chapter of SCI three years ago and the stories I heard of the hunting from my fellows members really got me excited to hunt in Africa. The president of my chapter, Larry Johns, educated me on a daily basis about the other avenues in which SCI works, such as education and humanitarian issues.

I had planned a hunt for April 2011 and Larry asked me if I was interested in taking some SafariCare blue bags along. Fellow chapter member Greg Wilkinson and I jumped at the chance. We filled four blue bags with medical supplies donated by Janice Walker, Program Director of Project S.A.V.E., and arranged by chapter president Larry Johns and Director Jim Ledgerwood. Two bags were filled just with school supplies arranged by Greg and Terri Wilkinson and the kids of his foster care program.

We arrived in Port Elizabeth and were met by Two Waters Safari owner Brian Seady and immediately left for Kleinpoort ,South Africa on the Eastern Cape. Brian and Sheryl Seady quickly helped us arrange to distribute the school supplies to the children of Kleinpoort School. I cannot tell you how wonderful a time we had giving the school supplies to the children. It was hard to tell who was happier when we were done, us or them. The thank you's and hugs and the wonderful and haunting song they sang for us will always be remembered by all who were there!

Sheryl also arranged for us to deliver our medical supplies to a clinic called Missionvale. ([www.missionvale.com](http://www.missionvale.com)) They greatly appreciated the supplies and could not thank us and our organization enough. Our group could never have imagined just how much our supplies and medical equipment meant to this clinic. We are already planning our next visit and next time we will need to carry six bags each. We were the winners on this trip! The hunting was dream of a lifetime, but the joy of giving will linger much longer for all of us.

Safari Club International and Safari Club International Foundation go well above and beyond being just a hunting club and the people we came in contact with will always remember SCI/SCIF, for all, their many humanitarian programs and their willingness to give to their people.