

Another Souns trip to South Africa



During her March 2015 trip to South Africa, Brenda Erikson conducted several training sessions to implement the Souns program.

The classrooms have Souns materials thanks to Rotary International Global Grants. Clubs involved in this literacy work are RC Smyrna (D6900), RC Peachtree City (D6900), and RC Pretoria East (D9400). Many Rotarian volunteers from these districts are involved in this project.

The visit was exciting because in every case the children were on course. This is the end of their first term in South Africa, but the teacher had not introduced building words yet! "It is too early! They are not ready!" Well, the children were ready! It was a delight to demonstrate for the teachers how ready the learners were. The teachers and the learners had done such good work to date. Now it was time to trust the learners and move on.

Those ready learners will show the path for others in the classroom. Young minds are always watching and always learning.

Training two to three schools a day and from two to four classrooms in each school, the trip was intense and fulfilling. It has taken a few years for teachers to see the possibilities with Souns. Now the training is more about the steps the teachers need to take in order to build patterns in classroom practice.

A few sites included work with toddlers and adult learners. Building readers in South Africa – across language, circumstance, and age – is a reality for Souns.



Thank you Rotary, for putting Souns materials into the hands and minds of so many.