

SOUNDS crosses new borders into Mozambique and Eswatini



Robin and Edie recently accepted an invitation from their friend, Santie Barrish, to introduce the SOUNDS programme to new partners in early childhood education. Santie is involved in uplifting early childhood development centres in the Lowveld and Mozambique.

The SOUNDS training session occurred in White River on 6 February, and in total 16 people attended. It is hoped and expected that this new partnership will lead to further expansion of the SOUNDS programme and that a strong SOUNDS presence will develop in Mozambique, Eswatini and the Lowveld.

The five (5) groups comprised:

- ✚ Staff from Penryn School in White River. RCPE donated one set of SOUNDS letters to them.
- ✚ Staff from a local crèche. They received one set of SOUNDS letters.
- ✚ A representative from Mercy Air, who is involved in crèches and schools in Mozambique. RCPE donated three sets of SOUNDS letters to them.
- ✚ A representative who is involved in pre-schools in Eswatini, (formerly Swaziland). RCPE donated two sets of SOUNDS letters to them.
- ✚ Many teachers from the Kamagugu School for the mentally challenged located just outside White River. Their insight into how the tactile properties of SOUNDS would be an asset was fascinating to hear. They received one set of SOUNDS letters.



Five (5) groups among which there was a great wealth of appropriate experience so that each group had a natural leader.



Edie explained the finer details of the SOUNDS programme to the participants.