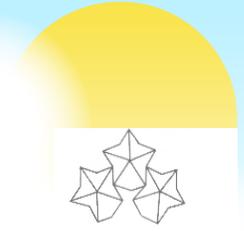


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SPECIAL EDITION FEATURING THE MARIST BICENTENARY

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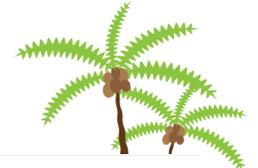
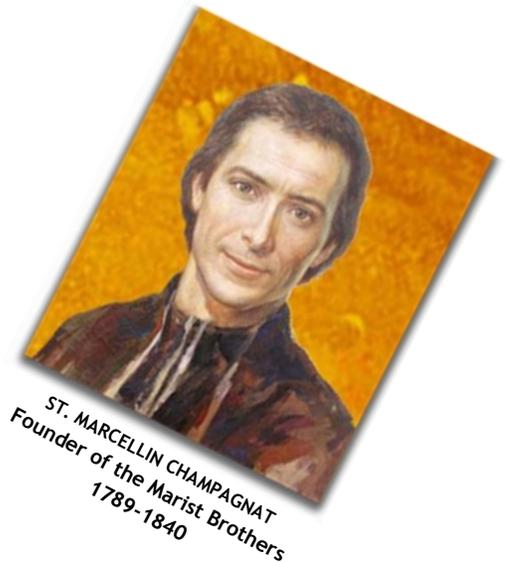
This year's Marist Camp gathering coincided with the Marist bicentenary. Our campers and leaders who converged at Kutama College were very privileged to be part of this grand celebration of 200 years of dedicated global Marist apostolic work.

Today it gives us great honour and pleasure to share with you the beautiful moments we lived at Kutama College from the 26th December 2016-4th January 2017 with the campers. Some of the campers we hosted this year were orphans, some coming from very disadvantaged family and living in extremely difficult conditions. More than the sharing of food and clothing we gave to the campers they appreciated most our pedagogy of presence, our readiness to be there for them as they went through the various camp activities at the mission.

A smile costs less than electricity, yet its impact can be very transformative and life-changing. Did you know that your simple smile can melt a sorrowful face and bring a ray of hope to someone? The children we hosted really appreciated and cherished the beautiful and light moments we shared with them. A special word of gratitude at the outset to our very dedicated volunteer leaders who worked tirelessly with the Brothers to ensure that the time spent with the children was fruitful.

Many stakeholders played critical roles in the preparation and smooth running of the campers and we will give special acknowledgement to their continuous support in the following pages. Marist Camp produced a video footage of all the activities of this year's camp and the dvd's will be distributed by our Provincial Councillor, each Sector and all the other stakeholders will get a copy.

At Lake Chivero Picnic site... (A gift shared is a gift long remembered).





Like Mary lets go in haste to new lands and help the children most in needy!

Marist Camp 2016-2017 Programme

Our programme was well-tailored to incorporate the bicentenary and usher the new year 2017 in a celebratory mood with the less privileged campers who were with us.

#	DAY	DATE	MARIST CAMP PROGRAMME
1	Monday	26 th December 2016	Arrival of Campers and Leaders & check in at Kutama College
2	Tuesday	27 th December 2016	Day 1-Orientation
3	Wednesday	28 th December 2016	Bases Day 1 Opening Mass with Fr. Ignatius Mhonda
4	Thursday	29 th December 2016	Bases Day 2
5	Friday	30 th December 2016	Bases Day 3
6	Saturday	31 st December 2016	Bases Day 4 Happy New Year 2017 Preps & Thanksgiving Mass
7	Sunday	1 st January 2017	Bases Day 5 Happy New Year 2017 Thanksgiving Celebrations
8	Monday	2 nd January 2017	Marist Bicentenary 200 Years of Foundation-High Mass Special Celebrations and Presentations
9	Tuesday	3 rd January 2017	Picnic and Treasure Hunt at Lake Chivero
10	Wednesday	4 th January 2017	Farewell and Departure

Beneficiaries of Marist Camp and how they are selected

This year our campers came from Kutama village, Chinhoyi, Hurungwe, Karoi, Banket, Murambinda, Mbare, Hopely Farm and Epworth. They were independently identified and selected by parish priests, Parish Chairpersons, Section Leaders and Marist volunteers of these different places.

We selected our campers from among the outcasts, the ignored, the orphans, the unloved and especially those kept at the fringes of the society. Families that are most in need are our target in order to achieve our goal. Instead of offering these children money or material goods, we prefer to share with them our simple God given gifts such as affection, loving presence, our time, attention and care. Marist Camp is special opportunity for us as Marist Brothers and Marist Volunteer to reach the most need of our society regardless of their colour or religious background.



BICENTENARY CELEBRATION AT MARIST CAMP ON 2ND January 2017

On 2nd January the campers, leaders and Brothers joined the entire Marist world in commemorating the Marist bicentenary. The ceremony was marked with Eucharistic celebration which was followed by ball games and swimming gala for the campers and leaders.

Fr. Ignatius Mhonda Parish Priest at Kutama College celebrated the Mass. Bro. Ebel Muteveri (Provincial Councilor) gave the introductory and welcome remarks during the Mass. The Brothers were delighted to meet the former Marist Brothers and their families and other invited guests who came to join the celebration. The campers were very happy to be part of this big celebration. This was a clear manifestation of our Marist family spirit. After Mass we had lunch together with the visitors and later toured the Marist Camp apostolate around the mission.

The bicentenary was a historical moment for us as Marist Brothers and all those who are our associates in the Marist works to thank the Lord for his goodness and cherish our shared mission. May the good Lord continue blessing all of us in our different apostolates throughout the province and the Institute as we continue celebrating the bicentenary throughout the world.

Descriptive table showing the beneficiaries of this year's Marist Camp

Marist Camp	Target Area	Description of the Areas and Distance to the Camp	The Volunteers who are working in the area	Institutional Partners	Beneficiaries
Kutama	Hopely Farm	Resettled families	5	Mashambanzou	20
	Mbare	Township	3	Parish and Volunteers	10
	Waterfalls	Part of the town with needy children	2	Parish and Volunteers	20
	Banket	Poor rural area	1	Parish and Volunteers	10
	Hurungwe	Dry area	1	Parish and Volunteers	5
	Karoi	Dry rural area-farming area	3	Parish and Volunteers	6
	Kutama village	Village	8	Parish and Volunteers	50
	Chinhoyi	Needy town surrounded by farms	10	Caritas Chinhoyi/RSHM Sisters	30
	Murambinda	Needy Rural Area	2	LCM Sisters and volunteers	10
	Total Number of Volunteers and Beneficiaries			35	

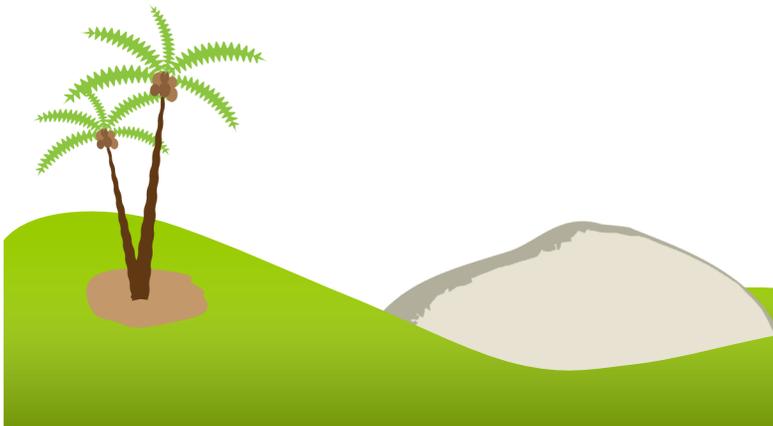


PHOTO COLLAGE OF MARIST BICENTENARY

Celebration at Kutama College

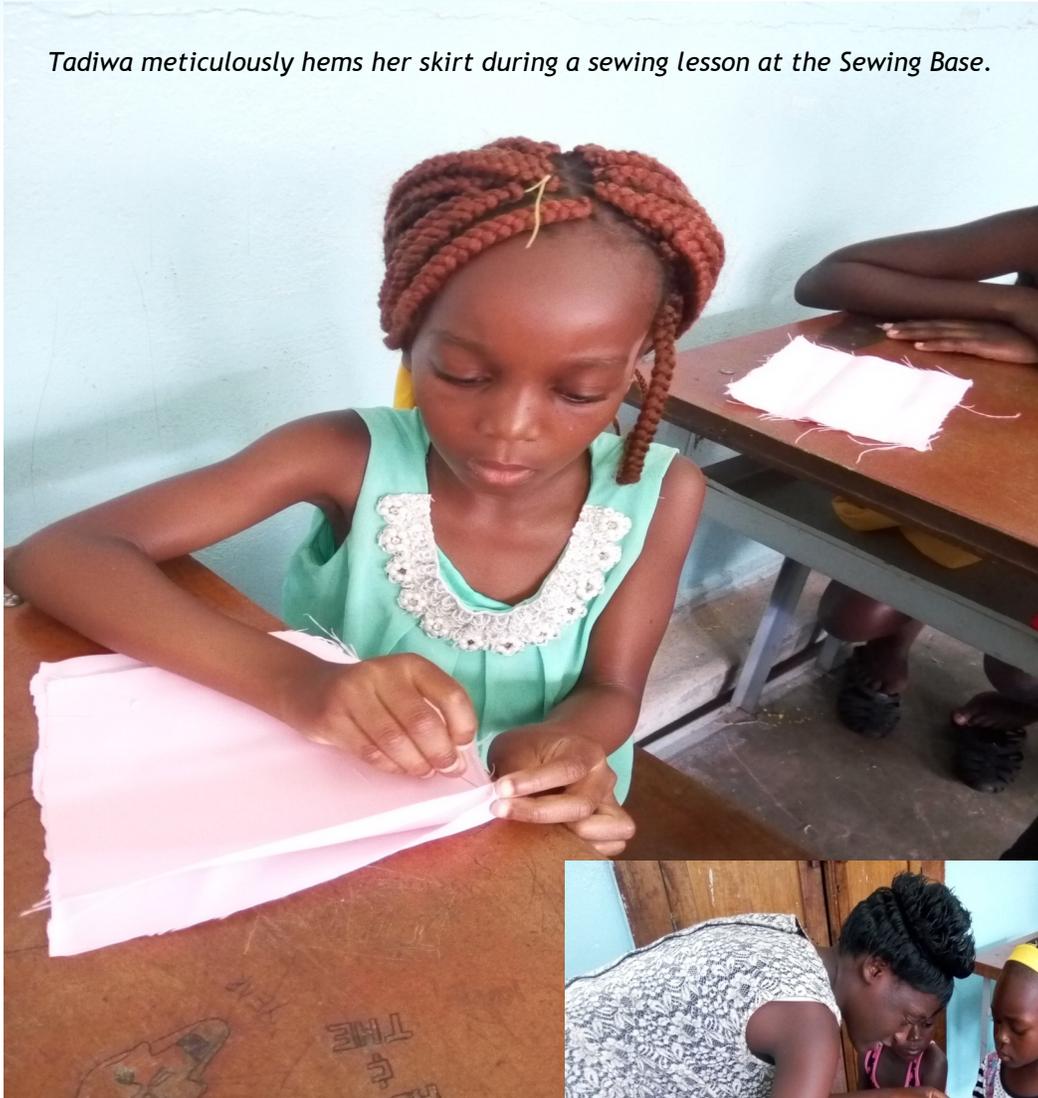
On 2ND January 2017.

*In thanksgiving for God's blessings and graces over a period of
200 years of dedicated global Marist Apostolic Work!*



SEWING BASE

Tadiwa meticulously hems her skirt during a sewing lesson at the Sewing Base.





Above: Ambuya Nhamo, National Parks official and the volunteers grill some meat for the campers-Below: The campers being served freshly grilled meat by Joseph (Marist Volunteer)



VISIT TO FATHER O'HEA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT KUTAMA



Prevention is better than curing!



Senior State Registered Nurse Mr. Tsuro took the campers around the hospital facilities and explained to them about various diseases and how they can be prevented. At the end he stressed to the campers the importance of practicing hygiene during the Marist Camp. The campers were delighted to visit the different sections of the hospital such as the Out-Patient Department (OPD), Maternity ward, Pediatric Ward, etc.





Above: Campers, all the Volunteers and Brothers pose for a group photo at Kutama College soon after returning from the picnic site. Below: Modelling evening for the campers.



ART AND PUZZLES BASE



Above: Campers learning to draw and below Brother Jacob shares a light moment with the campers ...



Ball games and athletics competitions



27/12/2016



COOKING BASE AND TREASURE HUNT

Campers during the first lesson at the Cooking Base. Below: Treasure hunt and campers can search anywhere to get the hidden ticket for the treasure.




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THE EDUCATIONAL DIMENSION OF MARIST CAMP

The educational dimension of Marist Camp can never be underestimated. Marist Camp takes very seriously the formative aspect of the camp by educating the children who come to Marist Camp. *“To educate a child you must love him first.” St. Marcellin Champagnat*



MORE PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS...

Below: Leaders queue for lunch at the picnic site



Bro. Emmanuel shares a light moment with Campers and leaders



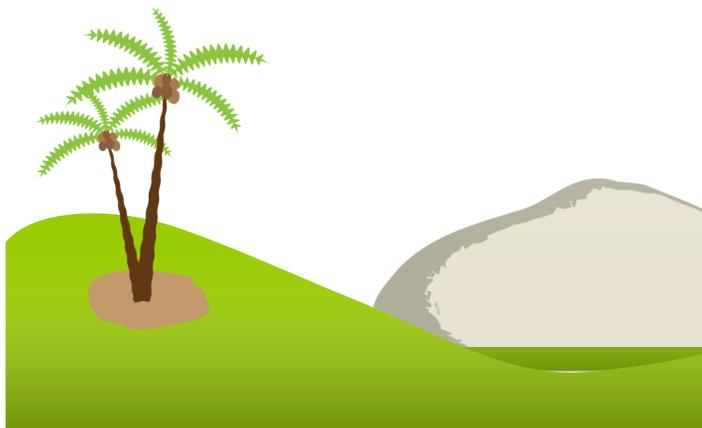
Below: Leaders enjoying a chess game at the Camp



Below: Leaders enjoying themselves.



Mr. Dandawa with his assistant photograph and Mr. Phiri the bus driver.



MARIST VOLUNTEER LEADERS, BROTHERS AND ZIMBABWE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY OFFICIALS POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO AT LAKE CHIVERO PICNIC SITE



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Marist Camp Zimbabwe, would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely our Brothers of Canada Province for their continuous financial support and for making this year's camp a success. Marist Camp is very grateful to Caritas Chinhoyi for donating food items which were used during the Camp. We would like also to thank all the Brothers of the Sector of Zimbabwe who managed to come and assist during this camp to bring joy to the children. We would like to thank Brother Aaron Mazhambe who donated rice for the campers. We are extremely grateful to our Marist Lay leaders the young men and women who spent a lot of time teaching the campers various activities during the camp and looking after the campers. Our thanks also goes to the Parks and Wildlife Authority of Zimbabwe who gave us free entry to the picnicking site and provided lunch for the campers on the picnic day. Allow me to make special mention of Mr. Aaron Chimombe (National Parks Official) who has annually facilitated our free entry to the park and organized food items for the picnic. We would like to express our profound gratitude to Dr. Solanky Director of Trauma Centre in Borrowdale for his financial support. Thank you Dr. G. Kodzwa for linking Marist Camp with Dr. Solanky. Lastly but not least many thanks to Brother Jacob Mutingwende Head of Kutama College for providing us with boarding & recreational facilities, accommodation and the transport to carry the campers and leaders. A special word of thanks to Bro. James Langlois our Sector Bursar who worked so tirelessly facilitating the bank transfers so that we could timely have funds to run the Camp. May the Good Lord bless you all in abundance. On behalf of Marist Camp Zimbabwe I would like to wish you all a successful and blessed 2017.

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