

# EUDO UPDATE



**Tessa's grandfather, John Pemberton (middle) and father, Bob Pemberton (right)**

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. Vision and long-term goals are important, but during a crisis, the forecast for long-term vision can grow, well, partly cloudy. With so much uncertainty, making a five year plan feels more like wishful thinking than planning. Years ago, Tessa and I were sitting on the couch talking to her grandfather John Pemberton and he would say, "Sometimes you just have to make a decision and then make a decision. You take your next step and then God will open another door, and you take another step. Keep looking for the next place to take a step." When the future is unclear, look for what you can do now. Coming up with a new post-COVID outreach strategy at a church is good, but for now, maybe the best thing to do is reach out to one person you know who has fallen through the cracks. Getting kids to back off screens after months of being on lockdown definitely needs some strategic thinking. But for now, maybe the best thing is to plan a family adventure for this next Saturday. We are back ministering in schools. We know many students and teachers have a tough year ahead of them, and it's not always clear how to help with the recovery. So we make a decision to go, to teach, to be with them, knowing God will go ahead of us, opening doors and preparing hearts.



**With lockdown over, we are back touring schools**

## Bulawayo Here We Come!

Big things are happening here at Eudo! Schools nationwide have lifted lockdown, and we are back on tour encouraging teachers and students in person! We have a fully booked schedule over the next few weeks and an upcoming teacher training workshop. Please be praying that God uses our Eudo Team to bring a strong message of hope and encouragement, especially to the teachers as they help students, some of whom have not seen a classroom or read a book since March 2020.

Last November we launched Eudo into Bulawayo, the second largest city in Zimbabwe. God opened the doors wide, and we are now in eight churches there, with many schools also interested in our resources and program! Every week we get messages from local

church volunteers who are grateful for relevant materials that are easy to use.

With the recent success in Bulawayo and as a strategic location for growth, we are moving our base (and family) there. The local partnership in Bulawayo has been exciting, especially with Pastor Jeff Scorziell and Bulawayo Baptist Church. We will soon be able to outsource our printing (saving time and printer maintenance!) and continue to spread throughout the many churches and schools in that area. Please pray for us during this wonderful transition. Trevor Chidodo will head the work in Chiredzi and we will continue to minister in both locations. Stay tuned for details on the move! If all goes as planned we will move in May! (That date could be bumped a couple of weeks, depending on the transition to our new house.)



**Kudzi, Trevor, and Nathan leading music**

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Pray for our family as we transition to Bulawayo
- ◆ Pray for students & teachers as they come back from lockdown.
- ◆ Pray for the children's ministry volunteers in Bulawayo

*We will say it's a Zebra when we see its stripes ~ Xiitsonga Proverb*



Lawson & Chida families  
in the rural areas

## Family Update

We celebrated Easter with all the energy and excitement that comes from having twin five year olds in the house. Boaz and Moses LOVED everything about the holiday, but especially the chocolate covered marshmallow eggs. Athena Shamiso is seven months of wonder and delight! She is sitting up on her own and babbling away at anyone who will listen. Isabelle (13) is leading worship on the praise team at church. We have been proud of her



commitment to serve the Lord in any way that is needed, whether at home, with Eudo or at church. Noah (12), Samuel (10), and Jonah (10) are into all things outdoors. When not doing school work, they are having a fort-building, bike riding, tree-climbing, sports playing, animal loving, adventure seeking good time! We are so blessed to have seven fantastic kids that have adapted to life on the mission-field like champs. They love life and God and friends with a zeal that is challenging and inspiring.



Trevor Chidodo (right) leading at bootcamp in Masvingo

## Kingly Fitness

With the Covid lockdown rules getting a bit relaxed in Zimbabwe, March has been eventful for us. We were invited by the Women in Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) for their first bootcamp since the National lockdown started.

So far we have had bootcamps in Masvingo and Chiredzi with the same Organization. We have been taking their team (mostly ladies in their industry and high school kids that they work with), through physical wellness and fitness training.

It is their goal for the years to come to promote fitness among the ladies - even during lockdown. We got to share, discuss and demonstrate how you can exercise even when you are isolating at home. The bootcamp in Masvingo was four days long. It was such fun and was a good learning experience for us.

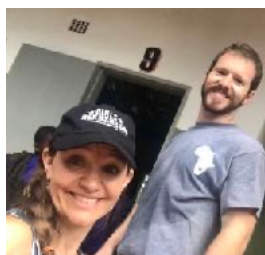


Tessa, Isabelle, Tafadzwa, and friends

In February and March we recorded several new songs and music videos based on our themes of Honesty and Self-Confidence. Check them out on our Eudo YouTube channel! We also recorded a special Easter cover of the Tauren Wells song "Famous For". Voices have been raised this Easter season declaring that what God did 2,000 years ago He is still doing now. He is still raising up sons and daughters who were dead in their sin to a new life and a new hope. He is still raising up those on the margins who appear weak to be His hands and feet. Jesus fed 5,000 by a lake in one afternoon. Jesus is still feeding the hungry through those who follow in His footsteps. He is still shining a light into the darkest places. What a beautiful anthem to declare as believers!



If you've not seen or heard our music, you can find them at [www.eudo.world/music](http://www.eudo.world/music) or see us directly on Youtube at [www.eudo.world/youtube](http://www.eudo.world/youtube).



## Support

Over 5,000 children were taught life lessons from the Bible, hungry families were fed, and young adults were mentored this past month because of passionate volunteers and your generous support.

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*Only your child can feed you a dirty fig fruit. ~ Xiitsonga Proverb*