

Safari Cares

Chad Haney, Chattanooga Area Chapter Safari Club International (SCI) Director, took a 21 day safari to Zambia with Professional Hunter, Peter Chipman in September, 2009. It was on this trip that he carried a *Safari Cares* bag with items purchased by the Chattanooga Area Chapter of SCI. Included in the bag were 3 dozen new children's t shirts, 12 soccer balls, air pumps, 50 sets of Crayola Crayons, 100 coloring books, 50 pair of new children's sandals, soap, shampoo, and school supplies.

According to Chad, who owns Lookout Pest Control, all the children were very excited and were appreciative of the items. Living in villages far away from cities, these children see very little items such as were taken by me from the Chattanooga Chapter SCI. Chad added that he had never seen the level of joy on the faces of children that he did when handing out the items. "In America," he added, "the children will gladly take the stuff and then go do other things." "These children immediately began wearing their t shirts and sandals; I will never go on another trip there without taking another bag filled with children's items from our chapter", he stated.

The Chattanooga Area Chapter SCI represents more than 100 area members who are avid hunters. The Chapter has donated items to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Officers and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Recently the Chapter presented a check to TWRA for \$4000.00 towards the Elk Restoration Project, and this brought the total donated to \$13,000. For more information on the Chapter and its projects, check out the website, www.chattanoogachaptersci.org.