



# NASP reaches out



**Jan de Man, correspondent for the National Archery in the Schools Programme (NASP), tells about a weekend jointly hosted by NASP and Life Christian Adventure.**

The National Archery in the Schools Programme (NASP) is all about changing lives. Usually this happens through children participating in the structured programme being presented at a school or some other venue close to them. However, NASP is continuously reaching out into new frontiers – usually to break new ground and establish new NASP schools, but sometimes also as a once-off outreach just to render a service that also makes a difference to the life of children attending. This is exactly what happened when NASP Vaal Triangle was contacted by Henrie Degenaar, who represents an organisation called Life Christian Adventure in Vanderbijlpark, to present NASP as part of an outdoors programme during a weekend camp on a game farm.

Life Christian Adventure is a non-profit organisation and is part of a bigger grouping called Life Christian Foundation. Life Christian Foundation was formed in 1999 when a group of young people came together and dreamed about an organisation that could create a platform for people to fulfil their God-given talents and calling. Since then LCF has grown into a multi-national organisation with networking points and projects already established all over South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, England and the USA.

Life Christian Adventure (LCA) is one of these projects. Their work is primarily done outdoors and the focus is mainly on children from financially disadvantaged and abusive families. Through camp and mentor programmes, the organisation has a positive impact on the lives of these children. It is these values that made the connection between LCA and NASP, and in fact many other likeminded people and organisations. Activities that were also available to the children during that specific weekend included swimming in the dam, fishing and air-rifle shooting.

Back to NASP: the boys (this was a camp specifically for boys from primary schools) were very excited about this new adventure and after the safety “lecture” about the use of whistles on the range, “dry fire”, etc, had been delivered and the 11 steps to archery success were explained in short, the rest of the morning was all about seri-

ous shooting and great fun. And fun it was! I am not sure who enjoyed it the most, me or the children! What a privilege it was for me and NASP as well to be part of yet another life-changing event in children’s lives. Here, once again, I saw how NASP is literally changing lives one arrow at a time...

For more information about NASP SA, how to get started as a NASP school or to find out whether there is already NASP activity in your region or province, please contact the president of the organisation, Wilhelm Greeff, on 082 607 0202 or [president@nasp.co.za](mailto:president@nasp.co.za). You can also visit us on the internet at [www.nasp.co.za](http://www.nasp.co.za).

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One of the activities the boys engaged in during the weekend camp was swimming in the dam.