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Garhill Preschool and Kishmanjo Footbridge

Long-time CAI supporter, Archie Ostreicher was thumbing through his copy of *Footsteps* magazine when he read about Garhill Preschool and the footbridge that was in disrepair in Kishmanjo. He thought to himself, “This is something I can help with.”

Ten years ago he began teaching Sunday school to preschool-age children, and he was in awe of their desire to learn. They absorbed the lessons, and remembered the details well, even weeks later. He thought about the children in Garhill, many of whom are the same age as the children in his classes.

“These little kids are just hungry for information. It was really a crime that they don’t have a venue where they can learn,” he thought. He picked up the phone and called CAI to tell us he would cover the cost of the preschool and the Kishmanjo footbridge, which had fallen into such disrepair that students could no longer use it to reach their classroom on the other side of the river.

Thanks to Archie, the footbridge is fixed and children are getting ready to start school again. Construction on the Garhill preschool is underway. The foundation has been poured and the walls are up. The project is expected to be finished in October, ready to welcome preschoolers into a fresh, new building.

For Archie, the children’s determination to learn inspired his gift, “It’s amazing to see these kids who have very little in the way of resources, but they want to learn anyway.”