

# KENYA MISSION III TRIP REPORT



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# Kenya, East Africa



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Cover: Dana with Catherine, 4, last years newest orphan, during picture day with new clothes.

# **FOREWORD:**

I want to start right off by praising God and giving Him every single bit of credit for the successes and growth that we experienced. We take no credit for any of this short of that we chose to accept, obey, and go. This report is meant to share our experiences and be a testimony to how good God is. Mungu Aneweza, God is able. I hope that our experience helps you feel how much God loves us all, every single one. We are all God's creations, His treasure. He loves His creations. We show God that we love Him by loving what He loves and serving like Jesus showed us. This trip is how we were blessed to be able to do it. I hope each of you will experience God like this, or even choose to join us in this cause. If you ask Him, God will show your heart a need, it will then be your obligation to serve it. The fruit of faithful service is God's business. May God bless and encourage you.

# **TRIP BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:**

Our trip, Mission III, is a follow-up to my previous trips. In October, 2006, four friends, Mark Alder, Jim Shock, Greg Wesorick, and myself stepped out in faith and traveled to western Kenya to meet Pastor Jonathan and his team for the first time. I feel that The Lord pulled us together in Kenya then as a beginning to working with them. It was put on Kathy's and my hearts to keep moving ahead to not let the Orphanage fail. In June, 2007, Kathy and I returned to sort out the communication issues, find out what it takes to operate the orphanage in a secure manner, lead a planning discussion to provide security long term, and insure that the short term needs of the orphans are immediately met. We moved forward with upgrading the facility and took over full financial support of the operations. In the time since that trip, control and professionalism has been established at the home and it is now possible to bring more orphans in. My Daughter Dana felt led to join me and we made plans to go to Kenya despite the violence and tension that gripped the country since the disputed election at the end of December, 2007. I was thrilled at the opportunity to spend this kind of time with Dana and God, our Father together. We planned to go on spring break, late March, but as violence spread through the country in January and February, we were forced to move our trip out a few weeks. Even in February, I felt peace that God was in control and wanted us to go. Looking back, everything worked to our benefit as we trusted Him just like He promises us in Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." God's timing is perfect and it proved out so.

Our journey took us through Detroit where I met up with Dana, Amsterdam, then to Nairobi for a short night before flying on to our destination the next morning. Dana and I had a little tourism time in Amsterdam during a 4 hour layover. We took the train into town at 6:00 am and walked around town. Little was open except the Drug Stores where you can get a cup of coffee and the Coffee Shops where you can smoke drugs. We strolled around the beautiful city and saw the canals and university area. It was a nice way to start the week. In Nairobi the next morning, we were up early and wanted to walk around a little. Nairobi is a very big city and "does not feel like Africa", according to Dana. We ran into a man on the street who claimed to be feeding an extended family in one of the slums of Nairobi. He asked us if we could buy some rice for him to take to them. I assume the story is true but I could tell that he was sincere and hungry. We went to a nearby grocery and bought him some rice, bread, cooking fat, and toothbrushes and toothpaste. Our taxi was on time and we boarded a small jet to Kisumu, a good sized city on the shore of Lake Victoria, then to Eldoret. Jonathan, Moses, and Alex met us at the airport with a rented Subaru that we would use for the week. We stopped in town to buy a cell phone, have lunch, and get a few supplies before heading off to Webuye. It was like coming home again for me. Samuel, Rose, Gideon, and several other familiar faces welcomed us when we arrived at Jonathan's home in Webuye. We were traveling heavy and had roughly 150 pounds of supplies including toothbrushes, snacks, art supplies, balls and sports equipment, clothes, and gifts for the children and others.

I got the hang of driving again in Kenya which I previously described as being like rush hour, a farmers market, a circus, a rock concert, and a zoo escape all rolled into one. I still think it would make a great video game. Cows, chickens, goats, sheep, donkeys, bikes, bikes, and more bikes, people, children, all

hiding the potholes and ruts while you drive on the left side of the road (mostly). Rain and fog were thrown in this time as well. The Pastors in the back seat would constantly say, "Just Go Slowly". I heard it so much that it is my new African name.

The next morning was Sunday, Dana had her first Kenyan breakfast of tea and bread and we prepared for church which was a rough wood building covered with corrugated steel next to the house. I gave a message to the congregation along with Pastor Moses and pastor Samuel that blended into a joyful word and spiritual presence. It was a great worship time.

We spent the next five days and nights at the orphanage working on projects, supplying them with goods, and discussing how to improve the operation and make the home more self-sufficient. With Moses and Samuel adding administration and management effort, much was accomplished at the orphanage since we left last June. Moses prepared for the projects that we wanted to work on during this trip, material and workers were ready to go. The children recognized me and welcomed us. They took to Dana like I knew they would, she loved on them and they responded. The home has a different feel than last time. It was struggling last year and now it seemed alive and healthy. The last year has been a very good one for them.

After our week at the orphanage a lot was accomplished, virtually all I had planned, including preparing the home to increase residence to 40 children, pre-wiring the buildings for electricity, plus a big one that we did not dream of but that God had in mind. The Lord blessed us with answering a prayer about a need which had a solution beyond our means. Right in front of us, God provided. This is a special story about how the home acquired 3 ½ acres of land to allow it to become self-sufficient in water, food, and future life skill training. The potential is there now to make the home something that impacts the whole community around it. Just like that, the home jumped from sustaining to truly thriving. The orphanage has a great future. The kids have a future. It is clear to me why God sent us and why it had to be now.

I also got a chance to visit an elementary school that Pastor Alex started, two other orphanages, and a refugee camp for victims of the post election tribal violence. I have seen some difficult things. Kenya is a land seemingly without an end to the needs. We saw some beautiful things as we flew over the country and as Dana and I visited a nearby wildlife sanctuary.

We walked away from our trip with many blessings. The best one is knowing that God did have a plan for us being there and we watched it unfold before our eyes. Our trip was timely and relevant and many things would not have happened except for this timing. We were blessed in getting to love on the orphans and caretakers and leave them secure in the long run. We were blessed in a plan being revealed that we can see work to keep the children healthy in the short term and help them survive and function as adults in the long run. We were blessed at seeing progress advance in improving the facility. Lastly, Dana and I were blessed by being able to experience all of this together. I am so proud of her. She never wavered from her belief that she was meant to go, even when our plans were forced to change. While there she adjusted well and acted the Christian adult that she is. She even had her 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the orphanage and watching her receive her traditional Kenyan birthday present of a live chicken, was hilarious. I know that it was tough on her to see the endless poverty, filth, drug crazed Street Boys, and seeming chaos of activity, but this is how most of the world lives. It is wrong to be ignorant to it and worse to live like it is not there. I think she has a new compassion and perspective. Being able to share what is on my heart and the blessing of joining God on a mission was incredible. Most of all, having this quality time with my Daughter is something I'll never forget.

As a family, we know we have a responsibility to the Hope Home children. I feel that we have adopted 40 kids, our responsibility is on-going. The caretakers and ministries in Kenya supplied the Faith to start this project to provide Hope to children without options. They provide the daily Love the kids need and the long term Commitment to their future. They are Christ in action. We have faith in the purity of their actions and hearts, and share the love of Jesus in this service for the helpless. We are blessed to be called to help and we have committed to this long term. It gets harder to say goodbye, but I know I will be back.

We fund their monthly needs according to budget items and approved improvement projects by ourselves and anyone whom God calls to this. We are praying for people to be called to help. We are establishing a NPO (non-profit organization) called **Mission Servants Ministries** and a website: [www.missionservants.org](http://www.missionservants.org) to facilitate communication and support. Please pray for God's will, wisdom, and blessings upon this effort and if God touches your hearts for this, join us.

Increasing the home residence by 33% will increase our costs but how can we not do it. It means 10 more little souls that God loves will have hope and will experience Christian love. Jesus' greatest command was to love God and love our neighbor. I have been praying for this effort to spread and impact more lives both in Africa and in the US. We can do a lot more.

## **SUMMARY OF GOALS ACCOMPLISHED:**

- **Implemented and/or funded capacity growth projects at the Orphanage in Kitale to:**
  - Improve their year round fresh water supply
  - Provided for secure supply of grass for the cows (milk supply)
  - Provided for secure year round vegetable supply
  - Improve their ability to cook productively and sanitarily
  - Pre-wired the facility and grounds for near term electrical hook-up
  - Provide the orphans a new pair of shoes and play clothes
  - Provide a re-supply of general medicines
  - Add some arts/crafts and recreation for the children
  - Increased residence from 27 Orphans to 30 and capacity to 40
- **Brought food relief to:**
  - 200+ families in the Refugee Camp near Kimilili
- **Ministered and encouraged by:**
  - Shared God's message to the church in Kimilili
  - Visited and shared a message in the Refugee Camp near Kimilili
  - Visited the HE IS ACADEMY, children's school near Webuye
  - Visited the SEEDS HOME orphanage in Kitale
  - Visited the HOPE CENTER HOME orphanage in Kitale
  - Fellowshiped with and encouraged many area Pastors and Ministry individuals
- **Developed a relationship and basis for future support:**
  - Developed ideas for future facility improvement projects.
  - Developed ideas for future training projects.

# THE ORPHANAGE AND SUPPORTING MINISTRIES:

**The Lord's Servants Home** is the new name of the orphanage. Jonathan gave me the honor of choosing one. This name reflects the hearts of all the people who have envisioned, prayed for, built, and still works at this home. It also describes our main purpose in life and my hope that we are not just saving children but feeding future servants of our Lord.

**Pastor Jonathan's ministry**, The Lord's Ministries, covers 45 churches and the Orphanage and spans an area roughly 1/6<sup>th</sup> of Kenya and into Tanzania and Uganda. Pastors George (Mount Elgon) is knowledgeable in prescription drugs and health, Moses (Kitale) is also a teacher, Samuel (Kimilili) is an administrator, and Ken runs the church on the orphanage grounds, are key advisors to the Orphanage. Jonathan's wife Rose is a key supporter of the children and is a Mother to them. Pastor Alex also is supportive and his ministry, Jesus Generation Crusaders Mission, which is separate from The Lord's Ministries, covers 10 churches in western Kenya. We traveled and lived with these Pastors and were highly impressed by all of them. They were warm, sincere, and loving servants of God. Jonathan is an energetic worker of God and his wife, Rose is a special lady with a big heart and smile. They have 5 children now with 5 month old Victor, adopted 4 more, and support several others yet.



**Here is a brief history** of how they came to start the Orphanage in the words of Pastor Moses..... [One of the main goals and vision that God has given us as a ministry is to reach out to the hurting world with the Word and acts of Compassion. God has clearly given us a ministry to the villages, to the fatherless and to the hurting. It was while we were ministering in various parts of the remote areas of the nation that we encountered many people who had no hope, and could only see hope in us. Its from this perspective that we begun praying and believing God for an Orphanage, A house of Hope for the children. This Vision came into fulfillment in Dec 2005 when we begun the Orphanage. Currently we have children who have benefited from this Orphanage, having come in at a time when they did not have hope and their health situation was very poor. Right now, we can boast of having healthy children who have had an opportunity to go to school, and enjoy 3 meals a day of balanced diet, medical check up/ screening regularly. Generally, all the children have improved in their performance in School.](#)

## The Children:

They range from 4 (Catherine) to 16 yrs. old (Joseph) and currently number 30 (3 new ones are not pictured). Capacity was increased to allow 10 more which will be brought in by mid-May. Every one of the children have at least one parent who died from AIDS or other illness. AIDS and malaria are most common killers. The children are all in good health. Every child attends school and has 3 meals a day. They do not speak English very much but they are learning it in school. They seem to act like a big family. The older kids help the younger ones, they eat together, study

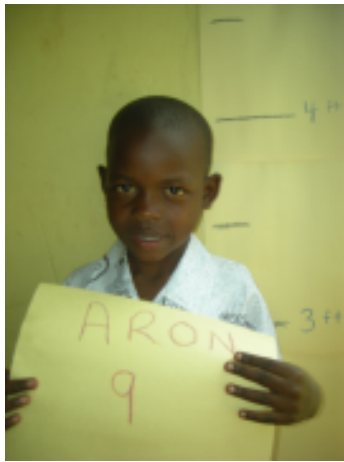




together, and they all have some chores before and after school. Pastor Moses, a teacher, says they are improving in school and some are doing exceptionally well. It is easy to get attached and it is amazing to see them year after year and watch them grow and develop. I am glad that God worked to expand the residence to 40 children but it is also easy to get sober thinking of how many children are on the streets or being neglected. The children at this home are blessed.



They were on Spring Break so we had a lot of time with them. Here are their mug shots and new clothes.





**29 children, a 30<sup>th</sup> is not shown, 7 more will arrive the week of 5/5/08 from Busia, Kenya and 3 more will be chosen the week of 5/12/08 to make 40.**



### The Budget in general:

AVE. PER MONTH

\$2,000/MO. (will increase when new children arrive)

AVE. PER CHILD PER DAY

\$1.67/CHILD/DAY

### Daily menu for the children:

**Breakfast:** Tea and bread

**Lunch:** Beans (like black eyed peas) and rice

**Dinner:** Beans, ugali (corn meal and wheat flour mush), cabbage.

Some other vegetables are mixed in when available and meat 3 times per week.

They eat a big quantity and the children look well fed and healthy. I think they need more milk and eggs and protein in general in their diets. Although 2 cows have died from complications stemming from poor diet, the orphanage has 6 cows now and a good number of chickens. In the near future, better cattle grazing are, egg laying hens, and the new farm will secure a great self-reliant diet for the children.

### Caretakers and Managers:



**Pastor Samuel.** Full-time manager of the home. Samuel has a home, 4 children, and church in Kimilili, about 40 Kilometers away. A Godly and caring man, organized and with a business mentality, Samuel loves the children and spends most of the week at the home. In the last 9 months a vast improvement in professionalism of the operations of the home has become apparent.

**Pastor Moses.** A kind and gentle man who is a full-time teacher, has a home

and ministry in an area about 10 kilometers away. Moses spends most Fridays and Saturdays at the orphanage and takes and interest in the schooling of the children. Several of the children are excelling. Moses is a key communicator and reports monthly on the spending and operations of the home. He has 8 children, one in a University, and a couple in High School. He has a good sized farm and a group of livestock and will be a mentor in the establishment of the orphanage farm.



**Pastor George.** He lives and has a ministry near the top of Mt. Elgon, 40 km away. George is a Pharmacist and visits when possible but is available by phone to consult on medical issues. He has stocked the home with medicines and prescribes their usage. Currently there are skin condition cases but the children are in much better condition due to timely malaria, flu, and cold treatments. George is a quiet but intelligent, loving man of God.

**Pastor Jonathan.** Bishop of The Lord's Ministries and founder of the orphanage. A spiritual and organizational leader and an agriculturist who insures me that the farm land will be used and rotated well to insure year round food supply.

**Rose.** Very nice and hard working. Speaks a good bit of English, lives in the area of the orphanage, and has older kids of her own. She is especially responsible acting and is close with the children.



**Caroline and Bonn.** They live at the orphanage with their 3 children. Caroline is always on the go and Bonn is the first one up (5:00 am) in the morning and last one to lock up (10:30 pm) at night and is always busy. He is involved with the children and is clearly an authority and father figure.



**Eunice and Pastor Ken.** Eunice is a very happy and friendly woman, Ken, Pastor of the church at the orphanage, equally so. They have 4 little children and are part time help around the orphanage. They are very hard and joyful workers among the other hard and joyful workers.

**Part-time help.** A number of people spend time to help with cooking and other chores and activities.

## Registration:

This is a short term goal of everyone to comply with all governmental regulations about orphanages and become registered. The home was inspected and standards explained to us. It has been interesting, the interpretation of the standards seem somewhat subjective and are much higher than any private residence. I visited two registered orphanages in Kitale and I feel good about the Lord's Servants Home. The initial inspection in December, 2007 highlighted several areas to improve including the following taken directly from the inspectors report:

### Completed and addressed as of April, 2008:

- The children should not be sharing beds thus make beds enough for each child.
- Complete the kitchen and provide adequate lighting and ventilation.
- Increase the size of the kitchen to suit the operations.
- Provide the kitchen with a chimney hood to extract smoke.
- Remove bricks stored in kitchen.
- The utensils used should be improved and avoid plastic.
- Provide a cover to the septic tank.
- Provide a refuse pit and put it to use.
- Construct a food store.

### On-going:

- Maintain the cleanliness in the compound.
- Check the immunization status of the children.
- The food handlers be medically examined and be provided with protective garments.
- Maintain the institutions sanitation always and do any other works as may be advised.

### Future improvement:

- Move the cow shed to another place where the health officer will site.
- Move the chickens to another place where the health officer will site.
- Taste the water to ascertain its suitability for use.
- Separate the pit latrines for boys and girls.
- Construct a dining hall.\*\*\*

The acquisition of new land will make possible all the future improvements suggested. The construction of a dining hall is obviously a large project. This building would also house training rooms, storage rooms, and allow for foul weather congregation of the children. This would be a blessing and is a God-sized project.

\*\*\*To improve the dining situation in the short term as well as providing storage places for each child and a place to do homework, we constructed the desk/bookcase system along the length of the main hall. This will have a sanitary surface for eating at it.

# ORPHANAGE PROJECTS WORKED ON AND/OR FUNDED:

Since the basics to provide for the health and safety of the orphans have been implemented over the last two years, we were able to focus on the implementation of changes to allow the expansion of the orphanage capacity from 27 children to 40 and professionalize conditions.

**This is a summary of the projects we worked on:**

- Turned the existing single beds into bunk beds to conserve floor space.
- Built (literally from raw timber) 10 bunk beds (20 beds).  
Purchased new mattresses, sheets, and blankets.



- Purchased new mosquito nets suitable for bunk beds to prevent Malaria.

- Had a custom hardwood desk and shelf unit built the whole length of the hallway to provide storage, place to eat, and a place to do homework.





- Completed the pre-wiring of the buildings and grounds to allow electrical hook-up by the power facility. Lights in every room, latrine, kitchen, gate, and entrance to the buildings were installed. The hook-up was promised for the next few weeks but whenever it happens it will improve security and allow a better atmosphere for homework, and eliminate the need for kerosene lanterns.

- Provided a huge re-supply of medicine including antibiotics, pain medicine, cough medicine, rash treatment, diarrhea and worm treatment, malaria treatment, bandages and disinfectant, and others.
- Installed a sink with running water and gray water drain in the kitchen.
- Provided gutters and plumbing to collect rainwater from the steel roof of the bathroom.
- Purchased new dishes, cups, and utensils, to replace broken ones and for additional children.
- Provided one set of new shoes for each child needing them and a sturdy set of play clothes.



- Installed a tetherball pole for the kids to play with. Also brought a supply of soccer balls, nets, kickball, Frisbees, and jump ropes.





- Brought a bunch of art and craft supplies including, finger paints, watercolors, pipe cleaners, crayons, and paper.



- Planted 12 shade and fruit trees around the perimeter of the grounds. One was an Umbrella tree, Dana's favorite in honor of her birthday.



**Some projects that they had completed before we got there include:**

- Made a large wooden shelf in the kitchen to allow storage of all supplies that needs to be kept in the building. Built work tables.



- Mounted the 2<sup>nd</sup> large water tank and completed the gutter and plumbing work to collect rainwater.
- Installed a soak pit overflow for the septic tank.



- Set up an office (Governmental requirement).
- Installed a new wood burning cooking stove suitable for large pots.



**We discussed these projects for funding in the future:**

- Finish the new bathroom. Supplies exist including concrete and tile. Dig another pit latrine.
- Develop a program to provide skills to the older children such as sewing and farming.
- Build a chicken coop. Nests and fences would provide room for up to 100 egg laying chickens. This will provide a skill for the older children, a protein source for the children, and a cash flow to the home.
- Build a Dining Hall / Utility / Training / Storage building.

**We discussed these actions to improve communication and the professionalism of the operation:**

- Funds will be deposited on a monthly basis per the budget and withdrawn from the bank in Kitale by Debit Card by Moses.
- Bob to pray about and plan Kenya Trip IV.
- Pray about the future of the Lord's Servants Home and how it can help the community.
- Bob and Kathy will establish a Non-Profit Organization, board of directors, and website that will allow supporters to easily send funds and supplies to the orphanage as The Spirit leads them. Our organization will be named [Mission Servants Ministry](http://www.missionservants.org) and website is ... [www.missionservants.org](http://www.missionservants.org). It is under construction now but I will use it to further communicate about the needs of the Lord's Servants Home Orphanage and other projects we may be led to be involved with.

# **GOD'S FARM LAND EXPANSION FOR THE ORPHANAGE:**

The next few pages is a testimony of God's hand and will being exercised right in front of our eyes. Usually progress from efforts come in small doses that we pray will add up to make a difference in the long run. Sometimes God blesses us with a big "God Sized" thing that we know can only happen by Him.

I have been burdened about my feeling that the orphanage has been just surviving, and is fragile and dependent at that. God made a move that will allow them to thrive and be more self-sustaining. What happened has taken place during the week we were in Kenya as well as the following week that we were home to unfold. This is a great example of what happens when you join God at work. He gets it done if you have the faith to not get in the way. Franklin Graham in his book "Rebel With a Cause", calls this God Room. You have to give God room to be God. I still get emotional from what happened and from the Joy I have been blessed with, by participating in this story.

There are several inherent issues at the home that the answer always is ... if only we had more land. Issues like: The well is contaminated and going dry and there is no good place to dig another, The cows are sick and two has died due to poor forage and water, There is no room to raise enough chickens, The children need to learn how to farm so they can survive after leaving the orphanage ... all can be fixed with more land. We have been discussing the need for more land since last year. A discussion was opened with Pastor Jonathan's family about obtaining an acre adjacent to the orphanage. This was not an ideal solution since the family uses that land to provide food for their own needs and survival, and an acre is not really enough any way. Another option was to find some land to lease but this would not be convenient unless it was very close and would not address the well water issue. We discussed this on Monday and Tuesday of our visit and continued to pray.

Here's where it gets cool. On Wednesday, the owner of the farm land on the other side of the dirt road in front of the orphanage compound, Austin, walked over and spoke with Moses. This man had been missing for 6 years and chose this day to show up. It seems he worked for the government and something went wrong so he went into hiding for 6 years. With the new government in Kenya now, Austin was able to return but he needed to sell his land for quick cash to cover some debts. Austin was so thoroughly missing that his neighbors thought he was dead. They knocked down his house and planted their own crops on his land. The land is mainly farm, has some irrigation wells, and has some trees.

Austin hoped that the orphanage would want the land. The going price for an acre seemed to be 300,000 Ksh or \$5,000. Austin was asking 220,000 Ksh for each of his 3 ½ acres. He needed to sell quickly and needed 400,000 Ksh right away. I honestly wondered about how the timing was too perfect. Jonathan knew Austin from many years ago and his family has sold land to him before. We became satisfied that the land was Austin's to sell and everything was right. I asked Jonathan to negotiate price and terms and they settled on 200,000 Ksh per acre for 3 ½ acres for a total price of 700,000 Ksh or about \$11,500. He wanted 400,000 Ksh up front and 300,000 in 2 months.

This put me in quite a place. I had to decide quickly what to do. Our prayers seemed to be answered with the availability of land right across the dirt road, great for farming, growing grass for cattle, and with water. There are several irrigation wells on the land and even Chickpeas (garbanzo beans) already planted on it that will be great fodder for the cows immediately and food for the children later. I walked the land, prayed about it, discussed it with the Pastors and God, called Kathy and my friend Forrest and asked them to pray about it. I had less than 24 hours to decide. I put the situation mentally to a test to have peace about if this was from God.

This is what I was thinking .... (excuse the boring structured writing but this is how I actually think)

- A) Is this consistent with the mission that God put on my heart? My mission in general is to build the home into a safe, nurturing, and loving place that the children can grow and have a chance in life. The land provides ....
- A secure and year round source of fresh vegetables. This will save money and eliminate daily trips to buy fresh vegetables.
  - A secure and convenient source of Rapier Grass for the cattle to keep them healthy and provide a good milk supply which the children need.
  - A secure source of staples like maize and beans to supplement the local sources and avoid shortages and price fluctuations.
  - A location with proven clean well water. (A well needs to be dug)
  - A location to raise enough chickens for a reliable meat and egg source.
  - An opportunity for a larger variety of vegetable choices in the children's diet such as sweet potatoes and fruit.
  - Secures one border of the compound.
  - An opportunity to train the older children about agriculture and raising chickens and cattle. Skills they will need as adults.
  - A potential source of income by selling excess vegetables, milk, and eggs.
  - A locations to increase the cattle herd.
- B) Is this scripturally sound?
- The parable of the three servants who was given some of the Master's money while he was away, came to mind, Matthew 24:14-23. The wise servants invested his Master's blessings and faithfully exercised the responsibilities given to them to further the Master's wealth. I love the verse: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!."
- C) I prayed that God would stop this if it was not from Him.
- I was not lead to any scripture, advice, or feeling to stop this.
- D) Is this consistent with how God usually speaks and works through me?
- Yes, very much so. When on a mission especially, I pray that God take the lead and put me in a position to support out of faith. This type of divine perfect timing and amazing set of circumstances happens to me. God knows that I get excited about that.
  - On Tuesday, while having dinner and praying at the end of the day, Alex had a specific prophetic word for me. He said, "When the opportunity comes for you to act in great faith, be sure to do it." It was strange at the time because, hey, I am in Kenya now out of faith. This was before Austin approached us.
- E) Most importantly, does this require faith for me to execute?....
- At the time, I estimated that I had about 50,000 Ksh (\$830) on me, and not certainly the total of \$11,500 anywhere.
  - I had less than 24 hours to make a decision.
  - God would have to provide the funds. Committing to buy something without money in the US requires only a credit card, in Kenya, it requires faith.

To God, I committed to buy this land that I felt He wanted for the orphanage. Kathy and I had just put our house in Richmond up for sale a week earlier. The market there is slow and a lot of houses are for sale in our neighborhood. I asked God to bring a buyer and we will use the tithe from the profits toward the purchase of the land. On Thursday morning, I met Austin and shook his hand on the deal. We planned to meet on Friday morning to exchange what money I had and sign a contract. I had peace about this huge deal. Friday, Jonathan met with Austin, signed a contract, and put the 50,000 Ksh that I had down on the deal. I promised to wire the 350,000 Ksh by the end of the following week. We also needed 30,000 Ksh

immediately to put a barbed wire fence around the land. God would provide was all I could say to myself. I told Jonathan that I did not have money for all this but that I asked God to provide. We were all excited. I wondered which they thought, was I was rich, stupid, or faithful. Faithful, I hope. I didn't even remember what Alex told me about being acting in faith until later.

When I walked off the plane in Charlotte on Saturday after traveling for 30 hours, I had a message on my cell phone that was only 5 minutes old. I assumed it was Kathy calling to see if I had landed yet. It was our realtor in Richmond, Becky, who is also our Pastor's wife. The message said that we have a good offer on our house and I need to call right away. It seems that on Friday a person who works for the Baptist Mission Board in Richmond, drove by our house, looked at it, fell in love, and submitted an offer on Saturday. The person was paying cash and could meet our delayed closing schedule of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Before we left the airport grounds, we finished the negotiations with the buyer and had a deal. It was hard to believe this blessing and show of God's faithfulness was given to us.

The next day, Sunday morning, our minister began preaching from Cor 9:8-15. Paul wrote: **“ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”** I don't usually yell out “AMEN!” in church but I sure felt like it then. I just lived that passage of scriptures and God let me know it.

Within the week after my return, we wired the 350,000 Ksh as agreed. The exchange rate changed a little in our favor that week and 353,000 Ksh was received. The extra amount was enough to pay the legal fees needed at the moment. I didn't think of it but God did. By the end of the week we were provided enough money from the tithe of our property sale in Richmond (which is God's money) plus donations received from friends at the last minute to completely pay +/- within a few dollars, the \$11,500 property cost plus \$500 for the fence, and misc. fees. God bought that land and provided



all the funds, in perfect timing, and in a way that we knew it was Him even down to the personal touch just for me. Wow. I did not see this coming when I went to Kenya, but why am I surprised?

# LAND PLOT – NEW 3 ½ ACRES

PRIVATE HOMES  
FAMILY FARMS

BISHOP'S HOME (W) CURRENT WATER SOURCE

BISHOP'S FAMILY LAND

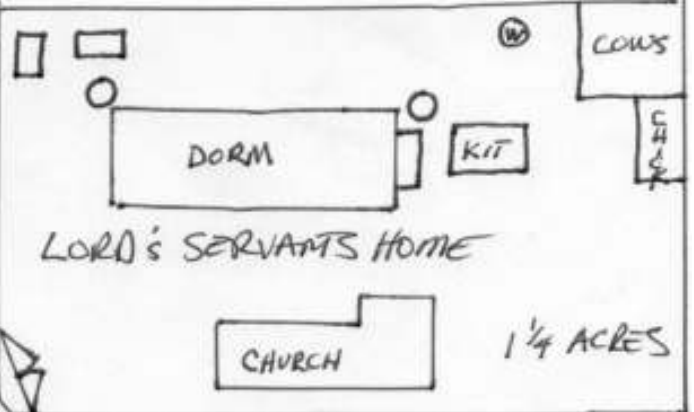
GOD'S NEW 3 ½ ACRES

- MAIZE
- BEANS
- GRASS FOR COWS
- WELLS FOR WATER
- VEGETABLES
- CHICKEN COOP
- FUTURE NEEDS

FARMED



PRIVATE ROAD



← TO KITALE

# TRIBAL VIOLENCE 2008. FOODSTUFF RELIEF DELIVERED TO THE REFUGEE CAMP NEAR KIMILILI:

The plan was to visit one of the many refugee camps in the area and deliver some food, as an expression of Christ's Love to these IDPs (Internally Displaced People).

The Lord's Ministries as a group has been caring for this camp. They counsel and minister, bring food, and have built a community cooking shelter.

We brought an amount of foodstuffs and supplies for the roughly 200+ families. People were genuinely pleased and loved to meet us and were touched that they were thought of from as far away as America.



These people are living a nightmare. This situation is inconceivable. In America is it so far fetched that it can't happen? Essentially what happened was greed, corruption, and hatred was harbored in the hearts and Satan ran loose through the country. Love and justice was replaced by anarchy. Years of manipulative politics, hunger, unemployment, disease and sickness, and hopelessness had worn away peoples strength and they turned on their neighbors. Politics was an excuse but it triggered it. The government remained divided and selfish and could not take control and stop what was happening.

I was asked to share a message with the 800 people at the refugee camp. This was terribly hard for me as I felt hugely ill-equipped to talk with people who have lost their homes and all earthly belongings, been turned on by their neighbors, had loved ones killed, had to rely on charity just to eat and drink every day, live in a plastic tent for an undetermined length of time, to bring children into the world in that place, and to be seemingly deserted by their government. I prayed right up to the point that I began speaking that the Holy Spirit would give me something relevant and uplifting to say. All that came out virtually was, "My heart breaks for you, my Brothers and Sisters in the Spirit of God", "I love you because of God", and "Let's Praise God". It seemed silly at the time but looking back, what else can you say?

The following information was gleaned from the website of HOPE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES. They are an organization based in Charlotte, NC that has been involved in Kenyan orphanages for many years and is working in the same refugee camp that I visited. This information and photos describes what went on between January and March, 2008. Thank God it has been stopped. The aftermath however is very real and on-going; Refugees living in camps, Orphans, risen food costs, tribal tensions, and a coming food shortage due to farming interruptions.



**On December 27th, 2007, Kenya, considered to be one of the most stable and promising countries in Africa, erupted into total chaos, overnight, following corrupt presidential elections. Within two months, over 1,500 people had been killed, and 600,000 displaced. Those displaced, are living in numerous refugee camps, spread all over the country. Most of them, have nothing, and are in desperate need of food, drinking water, medical care, toilet facilities, and the basics of life. 40,000 of those displaced, are living in 15 refugee camps, in and around our orphanages in Kitale.**

# MINISTRY AND SHARING:

## Foundations of Faith Christian Church, Kimilili

We had opportunities to speak about how God was using us and working in our lives, to encourage the Pastors and others. I was asked to share a message with Pastor Samuel's congregation in Kimilili. We stayed with Samuel and his family Saturday and Sunday night along with Pastor Moses. Samuel's church, THE FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH is in a corrugated steel building next to his home. Benches and plastic chairs were filled with about 50 people Sunday Morning at 10:30 am.



Services in Kenya typically last about 4 hours and feature a lot of singing, dancing, testimonies, and two or three sermons. Pastor Samuel started out with a short message then introduced Pastor Moses. Moses delivered a beautiful message about having JOY in our lives, that we are saved and should experience and show joy because of it to the world.



At first I was horrified. I assumed that I would be asked to give a message and I had been praying and preparing for it for a week. I spent several hours the previous night putting finishing touches on the 40 minute message that Samuel requested. I did not discuss with Moses what I was going to speak about but the Spirit put on my heart to talk about JOY. Now I feared that Moses was giving the same message as mine and I was going to end up following him and say, "Um, yeah, what he said". I soon realized however that God is in control of course. Moses was not giving my message, but a complimentary message, perfectly setting me up for what was on my heart to say. It was a great confidence boost since I am no preacher.

The message I gave was a follow-up to the Joy of Being Saved to Eternal Life. I talked about the JOY of knowing that God, the Creator of the Universe in all its 13 billion light year expanse and molecular in detail, has a personal interest in each one of us. Real JOY is participating in that relationship in an active way. What better way to return God's love for us than to love what He loves, ourselves and His other creations, our fellow man. What better way to show our appreciation for Jesus' sacrifice than for us to serve others like He did and how He taught us. I said that I had a message for them, Jesus' last command to us as found in Mark 16:15 was to **"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation"**. I believe that people will hear "The Good News" better if the words are coming from someone who is accepting, forgiving, and serving them. Love people like Jesus and they will want to know Jesus. The best

way to obey Jesus' last command is to live the Joy found in God's love and experience the Joy of showing that love in a practical way by serving the needy as Jesus did. I challenged them to spread the gospel in that way not only in their family, community, and tribe, but to other tribes, strangers, and even enemies.

Samuel followed up the message that I gave in a beautiful way and we had a great 4 hour long, Spirit filled service. At the end of service, Samuel asked me to pray over the congregation. I did and was moved to pray over Kenya, the government, the victims of the violence and tribal hatred, and for the hearts of the people who committed the crimes as well as the victims to heal. It was a pretty emotional and powerful time for me. Immediately following, a man named Fred who was one of the worship leaders, approached me and said he has been burdened on his heart to start a ministry serving people and has been praying about this change in his life just recently. He said he felt I was talking directly to him and he took ownership of the message I gave. He was so moved that he promised to name his new (5<sup>th</sup>) child Dana (wife is 9 months pregnant) if it is a girl and after me if it is a boy. I reminded him that my name is Bob and his face fell (Bob means either a drunkard or a single shilling in Swahili). I suggested David, my middle name and Bible hero. He was satisfied.

We spent the next hour visiting and loving on the members of the congregation. It was a great time. Afterwards, Moses and I marveled at how the Holy Spirit put this all together.



## He Is Academy, Webuye

We visited with this school for children to encourage them and see the needs they have. Pastor Alex and his ministry started the school 6 years ago for children aged 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. 140 children attend from the local rural area, 20 of them orphans. A staff of 7 people run the school and are funded by a small fee of 200 (\$3) Ksh per child per term and primarily goodwill donations. The school is held in just two rooms in an unfinished brick building. The walls and roof are good but the windows, door, and floor have not been placed yet. Because the building can not be secured, there



are only a few desks. The children just sit on the dirt floor. I know their hearts are in the right place and they are doing the best with what they have. This is a great example of the Kenyan way of filling a need by starting with what you have then praying for God to provide enough to finish later. We would call that silly and irresponsible in America but it truly is Faith in God. We don't use faith like this. We have faith in credit and banks instead.



I left them some school supplies and gave balloons and treats to the kids. They sang some songs for me and honored me with a gift of a live chicken which they hoped that I would have for dinner that evening. I thanked them, named it Stewy, and put it in the car (I gave it to a family in the refugee camp later in the day). The Head Teacher, Pamela Wonyonyi, has a vision for the school but no resources. In the rural area where the school is located, I don't see any other options for young children. This school is a blessing. They take the orphan children in but collect no fees from them, I gave Alex an amount that would pay the orphans fees for the next 6 months.



Their immediate need is to fit steel window frames and doors to the building so they can secure it, then desks, tables, and benches can be added. I contacted Pastor Dawson upon my return and asked him if the training group at his workshops can produce the windows and doors for the school if the materials are



provided. He enthusiastically said "absolutely Yes" and is preparing costs to review. I will communicate the resource needs to people who have supported Alex in the US and pray about how God wants us involved.

## The Seeds Home, Kitale:

I visited this orphanage in Kitale town to get an idea how other people have organized a home. Pastor Richard, who as we discovered that day had grown up with Jonathan and although they lost touch, have followed a similar path. Richard started the Seeds Home Orphanage in 2002 and has it registered. He houses 27 children in a converted house in a nicer neighborhood on the edge of Kitale. They fund the orphanage with good will donations from neighbors and from donors in the US who



sponsor a child. His budget is about \$3,000 per month. The children looked very happy and well cared for and I could sense the heart that Richard has for them. His ministry also feeds 350 children daily in one of the Kitale slums.



Since the home is registered, I naturally compared it to the Lord's Servants Home in my mind. I think the Seeds Home is a fine place, very clean and organized, I liked it, and sensed the caring there. Our home has more play area, more self sufficiency with food and livestock, a water source, more bedroom space, and a better cooking area. I could not see why registration will be withheld from the LS Home in the future if this home is registered.



## The Hope Center, Kitale:

We also stopped by this orphanage, also in Kitale town. Pastor Robert started this orphanage in 2000 and has another on the other side of town. He said 28 children were housed there although I only saw 7. The lot was large, about 2 acres, had a garden, bunk house for boys, and outside cooking. It was a converted ranch style house, big for Kenya, but less than 2000 sq. ft. in size. Robert said this home was also registered. He is funded by well wishers and foreign donations and has a budget of \$1,100 per month. Compared with the Seeds Home, The Hope Center was not as clean and organized, not as well lit, no play area, and tighter bedrooms. It was secure and had a lot of potential. God bless them for providing a better place than on the streets.



I gave the children some candy and balloons and took their pictures. Again, I see no reason why the Lord's Servants Home can not obtain registration if this home has. I am impressed to see the faith of people who take on the burden of caring for the helpless like these orphans. Please pray for them.



# REVIEW OF THE ESTABLISHED AA/NA 12 STEP RECOVERY PROGRAMS IN KITALE:



I met with Pastor Ed and Pastor Dawson to review the programs that they have in place in Kitale. These programs were initially encouraged by Jim and Mark during our trip in 2006. They both were very enthused by the success of the



programs so far and reported over 200% membership growth since last year. They focus on meeting the individual where they are in life. Pastor Dawson has created several training programs to help people learn a skill. I brought a camera to him for photography training, and he has already set up a woodworking and metal working shop. They still are very evangelism minded (more so than the typical AA group) and find many people being led to accepting Jesus as Savior after being met with such compassion by the church.



Pastor Ed reports his group has trained roughly 50 people to be mentors and counselors to specifically reach into the refugee camps and help those that have turned to drugs, alcohol, and prostitution. The need is dire for these programs as many lives are destroyed by drugs and alcohol in Kenya the same as in America.



# COMMUNITY AWARENESS AT THE LORD'S SERVANTS HOME

I can feel happy about the care the children receive and the conditions at the home, then look over the fence and see that our neighbors do not have it nearly as well. Dirty, shoeless children line up at the fence and watch our children play. They see them eat when they have little themselves. Praise God, soon the home will have electricity, ample clean water, an abundant fresh vegetable supply, plenty of eggs and milk. The neighbor kids won't. Things are getting tougher in Kenya, food shortages and price increases, crime, and continued disease. During the hours when children should be at school, many are not because of the fees being too much. Daily they carry water from the neighboring properties that have working wells.



The orphanage building was originally built as a medical center for the area over 10 years ago by the Bishop (Jonathan's Father). He had a heart for the community and they still have great needs including clean reliable water, school, medical, and elderly care. The area undoubtedly can use a center that represents Christ's love in action so that the good news of the Gospel can be more clearly heard. I want to pray about what God wants for this area and to reveal needs to us. Currently a church and school for pre-school kids operate for the community from the old chapel on the orphanage grounds. The Sewing room is open to ladies in the area. I shared sweets, toothbrushes, and a few balls over the fence. There is so much that can be done. One thought is to make a large well that the community can use.



I have met long distance, new friends in Le'on and Marleen van Hulsteijn from the Netherlands. They are actually old friends of the orphanage and were part of the initial group to establish the facility. They have a ministry in Nieuwerkerk, Holland and continue to have a heart for the orphanage and also for the surrounding community. Le'on and Marleen have a vision for the community and we will join them in prayer over it and hopefully in projects for the area.



## DANA'S THOUGHTS.....

*The time that I spent in Kenya and the emotional and worldly experiences it gave me were the biggest gifts any young adult could ask for. Considering that I had my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday there at the orphanage and made the classic passage into adulthood while on a different continent than the rest of my loved ones, it was a little unnerving. At first, my reaction going into the “urban” areas of Nairobi was that it wasn't African enough. I expected tall grasses, wild animals, straw huts, women carrying sticks on their head AND a baby on their back...but truly it had five story buildings, billboards, cars, bikes (way to many bikes), street signs, and policemen.*

*The first real act of mission work I'd had exposure to on the trip was when we met Herbert. He was first drawn to us by my obnoxiously bright polka dot umbrella. He approached us on a street corner and because we were slightly more pigment challenged than the rest of the surrounding people he automatically labeled us as Americans. He and his family had fled from Zimbabwe and were staying at a local Catholic church until the elections back home were over with. With the assumption that all violence would be over after the elections were done, the church had stopped feeding and caring for his family. So in a polite plea he asked us to buy his family some rice and toilet paper, and toothbrushes. For as simple as these items were, they were actually more expensive in US dollars there than they would be here in America. After many blessings were thrown around between us and e-mails exchanged we were off to the airport again for the final leg of our trip to Eldoret.*

*For the next couple days we stayed at pastor Samuels house. The warm and loving atmosphere in the still minimal house setting was perfect for my easing into the new situations. The following days at the orphanage, I chose to go into town with Daddy because I still wasn't all too comfortable staying by myself with all the orphans. The amount of people and grime and street boys asking for money were so overwhelming it made me sick to my stomach. There were young boys, starting from age 5, putting on their wide-eyed pity faces and staring at you with glazed over yellow eyes. Later I found this was either due to a vitamin deficiency, jaundice from alcoholism, or anemia. The ones that don't leave, keep forcing on you their hedge trimmers or flashlights to buy for menial costs. It was too much. In a rage after I turned one guy down, he told me that I don't “match everyone else”. I should go home where there's more of “my kind”. Talk about extremely discouraging. That was enough for me; I couldn't deal with the townspeople any more.*

*The times I actually spent at the orphanage were truly one of the best memories I'll have of Africa. On my birthday I received a customary chicken that visitors usually take with gratitude. The pastors had mentioned something of the nature being given to me but I really thought they were joking. Needless to say, they weren't and it took me a couple good of minutes to gather the courage to take the warm, wriggling thing by the wings just to drop it again. I didn't eat “kookoo” (chicken) for the rest of the week.*

*Now back at home with my down pillows and clean hair, the thing I miss most from Kenya is the gentle constant physical contact that the kids had with me in my last days there. With an elbow on my knee and a little hand on my shoulder, sitting in the sun, watching the more energetic ones play football (soccer), was incredibly therapeutic for the scared and uneasy soul. The kids most definitely got used to my presence way faster than I did to the roaming chickens in the yard.*

*I won't say I wasn't glad to get back home, or that I didn't enjoy running water in the shower, or eating cheese again but I will say that I will be going back to Africa. To see the beautiful people and umbrella trees, to do mission work throughout my life, and to follow more of what God's calling leads me to. My father, the best role model there could be, taught me that in the greatest way there in Africa.*

Dana

**Dana did great. I can't wait to see the beautiful things that God does with Her life!**

**Her proud Dad**

# PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- By far the best was spending time with Dana on a mission and sharing the experience.



- Celebrating Dana's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Kenya and watching her accept the traditional Kenyan gift, a live chicken.

- Getting my own gift of a live chicken after visiting the HE IS ACADEMY.
- Visiting and praying with the Refugee People, bringing them some food, giving one family my best (only) chicken.
- Seeing my friends and Brothers, the Pastors and Ministers in Kenya, Jonathan, Alex, Moses, and Samuel.
- Spending time with the Orphans and kids all over. They are easy to love.
- Sharing the messages on my heart with people in the Church in Kimilili.
- Not getting sick even though eating all the Kenyan food.
- Having a trip that was safe and without incident.
- Was given a new Swahili name Pole Pole "**Just Go Slowly**". Everyone called me this a lot when I was driving for some reason.



- Riding an Ostrich. Not as easy as it looks.



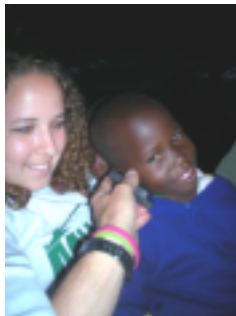
- Introducing Dana to world travel and culture.

- Learning to deal with Kenyan bureaucracy. Pretty frustrating. The Pastors do much better.
- Doing things you can't do in the US.



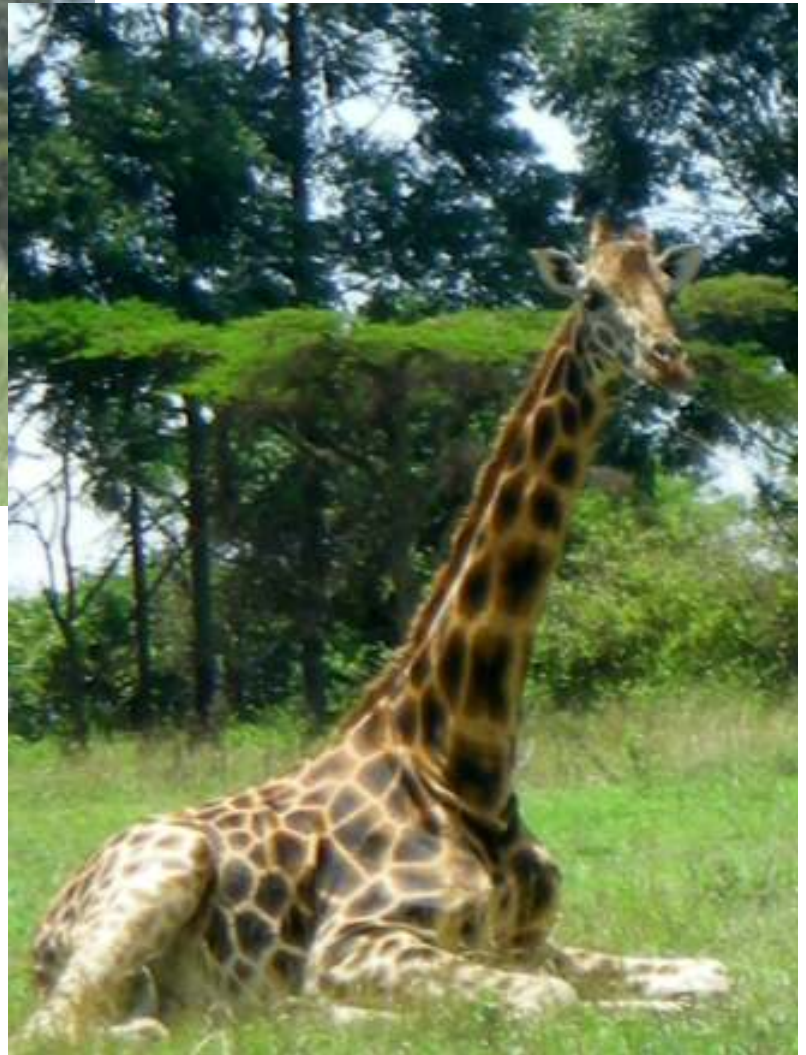
- Seeing Dana connect with people in this place so different from our home.

- Seeing the kids grow and blossom.



- Most of all ... experiencing God's presence by working along side Him on His project.
- Touring a wildlife sanctuary near Mount Elgon and seeing Zebra, Gazelle, Impala, Rhino, and Giraffe.





## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR KENYA

This was a disturbing trip for me because I saw Kenya go backwards. I always felt that they have had their share of problems such as AIDS, drought, poverty, and disease but even through the governmental corruption and self centeredness, they were moving forward. Now the whole world was shocked at what happened. Lethal tribal violence, skyrocketing food prices, epidemic AIDS, 600,000 IDPs (Internally displaced People) without homes, 1500 + murders to account for, low confidence in the government, and a coming famine are on the minds and fueling the fears of Kenyans. Crops were destroyed or neglected, grain destroyed, farmers run off their land, prices of seed and fertilizer skyrocketing, and poor rains this planting season are going to add up to trouble this summer for Kenya to feed her people. It breaks my heart to see things worse than before.



Dana was a bit overwhelmed at first. I kept her a little isolated as I went to the refugee camp, school, and other orphanages without her. The conditions in the cities, crowding, poverty, need everywhere, and street boys are tough to see. The Street Boys symbolize a lot of what is wrong there. The government won't help them or control them, they walk around in a glue induced zombie state with glue bottles attached to their noses, and there is no hope for a future for them. There is no value put on their lives and people ignore them like ghosts. The numbers of orphans and sick people are also similarly numbing.

The hope in Kenya is in the Holy Spirit generated love and compassion for each other. Please pray.

# OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR ....

- The Kenyan government to immediately take step to address the needs of the IDPs (Internally Displaced People) and reestablish their homes.
- Wisdom in the use of the new land.
- Wisdom in deciding how to assist Joseph to further his education.
- Wisdom and provisions for the HE IS ACADEMY, Alex's school, that they may meet the needs of the children and teachers with improved facilities and encouragement.
- Wisdom and provisions for the SEEDS HOME, Pastor Richard's Orphanage, that they may meet the needs of the children and caretakers with improved facilities and encouragement.
- Wisdom and provisions for the HOPE CENTER HOME, Pastor Robert's Orphanage, that they may meet the needs of the children and caretakers with improved facilities and encouragement.
- Wisdom and provisions for the LORD'S SERVANTS HOME, our Orphanage, that they may meet the needs of the children and community in a way that shares and exposes the Gospel.
- Conviction in the heart of the Health Inspector as we seek registration of the home.
- Pastor Alex's church as they move to their new location that people in the area see it as the work of the Lord and are drawn.
- Pastor Jonathans father (71) who is ill and paralyzed from the waist down and experienced complications and hospitalization over the last few months.
- Pastor Ken's ministry which is on the orphanage grounds and is very poor.
- Fred Nalinya that he has God's direction and blessing in his plans for his ministry.
- The blind man at the refugee camp.
- Street Boys.
- Orphans needing a home.
- Pastor Alex to wisely grow the 10 church ministries under him and for the needs of these ministries to be met.
- Pastors Dawson and Ed to continue to have the resources and support to grow the AA/NA programs that were started. For the people using these programs that they find new direction in their lives and become lights of Jesus' grace and love to others.
- Other churches in America and around the world to hear a call and partner with our Kenyan brothers and sisters.
- For Pastor Jonathans guidance and wisdom on running The Lord's Ministries.
- For the many people sick with HIV/AIDS, the many orphans, the many people who have to do unhealthy things to survive, the many depressed and hopeless, the many hungry, the many lacking proper shelter, the many lacking clean water and sanitation, the many lacking an opportunity for an education, and for the many who do not know Jesus.
- The Government of Kenya that they fight the corruption and self serving policies that are preventing real help and efforts from reaching the people.
- Safety and health for Missionary's in Africa.
- The testimony from this trip to encourage someone to step out in faith as God leads.
- Direction on how God wants us to follow up on this project with further support and future trips.

# PRAYERS FROM KENYA....

I was touched when Jonathan told me how much they all felt loved that God led us all as a family to serve and encourage them. They felt that "I have opened my life as an offering to God". Praise God. All believers are truly brothers and sisters in the Holy Spirit. As God meant to happen, we value the times when we can encourage each other.

Dear Brother Bob,  
Greetings in Jesus name.

It is a blessing to hear that you did arrive well with Dana, It was a blessing visiting as and helping so much at the orphanage. This is a great encouragement that God has given you a heart to helping this children. We will keep on praying for you and the work of your hands.

may God bless  
Gideon

Dear Brother Bob & Kathy and Dana,

Blessings to you once again in Jesus name. This is a great day for me, and our ministry at large and the Kids at the Lord's servants Home.

As I wrote you yesterday, We received Ksh. 352,901/-. Today, we paid Austin Ksh. 350,000/- and paid Ksh. 2,000/- for transactions at the Attorney. The balance of Ksh. 292,000 will be paid in 2 months time according to our agreement. Thank you for making this possible and a success.

Work has already begun on the property and we will update you.

God bless

Jonathan

Thanks Servant of God for the encouraging message in your email. In fact I should make it clear that God joined us together for a purpose. We were very much blessed by your visit and we are thanking God for it. Let me say my family, orphanage staff and the kids over there were and are full joy and the memory of your work, Dana's joyous presence and devotion to her dad's course of action are things we shall always recall.

May THE ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU.

Pass our regards to Kathy whom we love and cherish.

Rev .Moses Wanyonyi W

Brother Bob,  
Habari ndugu Bob,

Nimefurahi sana kusikia ulifika salama .Salamia Dana .

You were a great blessing to us during your visit last week. Especially when you devote your life and love to the needs of the children .You really touch my heart with this kind of ministry .I speak from deep down my heart , may God bless you abundantly. I also thank you for taking time to visit my project and praying with them. The teachers and the children have send their love to you and your family as they continue to pray and lift you before the Lord .

We thank God who gave us the prophecy concerning all that you had trusted God and we thank for what He has done for you .We believe that God will give us more than enough for His glory. Pass our love to your wife Kathy. We have faith that the Lord will provide for your coming back soon.

Mungu akubariki sana,  
Ndugu Alex ,

**Bob Hillebrand** <[bob@pinnacleconverting.com](mailto:bob@pinnacleconverting.com)> wrote:  
Hello Pastors,

I wanted to let you know that we arrived home safely Saturday afternoon and without incident. Dana and I enjoyed our visit with you and we greatly appreciated your hospitality and kindness. Your love of the Lord is evident in the commitment you have to serve the needy. You have my prayers and encouragement and service.

I also need to share with you how good and faithful our God is. Last week after a lot of prayer, I felt that the availability of the new land was divinely timed and that God was speaking to and working through me and wanted the land purchased for the benefit of the orphans. I did not have that kind of money but less than 2 weeks ago, I put some property up for sale in Richmond, Virginia and I pledged to God that I would commit a tithe from the proceeds of the land to buy the land for the orphanage. I stepped out in faith that God would sell this land for me (although homes are not selling well right now in America). When I stepped off the plane in Charlotte, I turned my phone on and I had a message that was left only a few minutes before. It was from our agent and before we left the airport, our property was sold and the Lord provided the means for me to buy the land for the orphanage. Even better, the house was bought by a single lady who saw it on Friday (while you were formalizing the purchase of the land) and decided right then. And best yet, this lady works for the International Baptist Mission Board. How good is God? Then Sunday, our pastor preached on 2 Cor 9:10-11. God gave me a further sign so I would know this was from Him. I also remember Alex giving me a message on Tuesday that when I have an opportunity to act out of faith that I be sure and do it. God is pretty good and He blesses our faith and service of others.

The new land was bought directly by God by providing a means to use faith. Let us praise Him, respect the blessing, and use the land always to the honor of God.

May God continue to bless and encourage you.  
Your Brother Bob

## **WHERE TO FIND MORE PHOTOS:**

### **Mission Trip III**

<http://picasaweb.google.com/BobHillebrand/KenyaOrphanageTripIII02>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/BobHillebrand/KenyaOrphanageTripIIIPhotosVideoBob>

### **Mission Trip II**

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