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IF GOD CALLED YOU WOULD YOU ANSWER?

If you read last month's newsletter then you learned about our mission trip to Kenya this July 30th through August 14th.

We have 30 airline tickets for our team members locked in and I can't help but wonder if God has one of those seats reserved for you.

Now, most people when they hear that say, "There is no way I can go to Kenya on a mission trip."

And I understand that feeling, but when you really think about it, shouldn't that be God's decision and not ours?

I know all of us could come up with tons of excuses as to why we can't go like:

- I can't afford it.
- I don't have the time.
- I wouldn't be any good serving on a trip like this or I'm too old!

And there are probably a lot more you and I could both list. But let me address some of those excuses the

same way God might.

I can't afford it! In reality this is probably the number one objection from so many people and the truth is that in all my years doing mission trips, funds have never stopped any team member that was willing to apply themselves from going. Besides we show people how to develop partners that will support you to go in their place covering the costs of the trip.

I don't have the time! The truth is we make time for the things that are important to us. Even when people I know could not get off from work I have seen God work by granting them the time off they needed simply by asking their employer.

I wouldn't be any good serving on a trip like this or I'm too old! We take great pains to find your strengths and plan our trips around you. Age also isn't applicable because I have served with people in their senior years that God used mightily. So you see no matter your background or your age God will use you!

So before you dismiss the thought that maybe God has a seat for you, think long and hard. As there really is no excuse any of us can offer to God that would exempt us from doing what He asks us to do!

We are continuing to accept applications for our trip until the 15th of March and are confident God will call and inspire the people He wants to be a part of our team. And as I said earlier, I can't hope but wonder if one of those people is you!

To learn more or to print out an application click the "Mission Trip Opportunities" button on our website at <u>www.inheritancewm.org</u>.

So why not pray about it and ask God if this is something He wants you to do! After all shouldn't the decision to serve God in this capacity be His and not ours?

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Our 2010 Mission Team To Kenya!

This Month's Focus On Ministry

BRINGING MIRACLES CHILDREN CENTRE

It was on a 2009 set up trip to Kenya that my wife Gail and I First met Monica Akinyi also known as Momma Oscar.

She is called Momma Oscar being named after her first born son whose name is

Oscar.

Had it not been for our relationship with Beeper a good friend of ours we probably would never have met.

Beeper (Alysha Oswald Omundi) is someone we consider our daughter and who is also serving in Kenya. We were there that year to help her develop a children's home and in the process visited Monica's Children's Centre where Beeper spent a great deal of her time ministering to the children there.

The centre is located at the edge of the Kibera slum just outside the capital city of Nairobi. The slum is home to between 800,000 and 1,000,000 people and one of the largest in the world.

The building that houses the centre looks much like all the rest in the slum with corrugated metal roofs and dirt floor.

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But within its walls something very special is happening. Children are being fed and educated and shown the love of Jesus which probably would never happen if it had not been for Monica.

Let me back up a little and tell you her story. Monica was living in the slum with her husband and children, and like everyone else living there was just trying to survive and get by.

To make matters worse Monica's husband left her and the children. She was now all alone. But God had other plans! In one of the shacks close to hers there was a Bible study taking place and through her hearing the Word of God there, came to know Christ. Her husband was still gone, but at least now she was truly no longer alone. Her heavenly Father was with her.

As her relationship with Christ grew God spoke to her and told her that He wanted her to feed the children of the slum. Like most of us would have she questioned God saying, "How can I feed the children when I struggle just to feed my own."

But by faith and through obedience she welcomed a few children to her home and gave them what she could. Soon other children came and then others and with them. God also provided the funds to feed and care for them.

Soon she found a building on the edge of the slums where the children could come and have at least one decent meal that they might not normally have. There she and others also teach the children not just in regular school curriculum but also in the love of Jesus.

Today Monica and eight other staff care for 200 children from the slum. She is bringing hope and love to these children that might never find either.

They are in the process of building a new building to allow even more children to come be a part of the centre as the government has plans of tearing down the buildings along the railroad tracks where she is now located.

This new building will allow them to divide the children into different classrooms and allow the cook to be able to cook for the children indoors instead of outside in the rain and hot sun.

God is doing great things through Monica and her staff and we at Inheritance World Ministries want to do more to help her care for the children of the slum that would otherwise have no hope.

Our hope is that by next month we will have a program in place to allow the people in our ministry family like yourself to give a small but specific gift to sponsor a child there.

Once things are finalized we will be sure to share more with you on just how you can do that.

But in the meantime you can check out Monica's website at: <u>www.bringingmiracles.com</u> or learn more about her and our partnership with the Bringing Miracles Children Centre by visiting our website at <u>www.inheritancewm.org</u> and clicking the "Ministry" button.

 $Blessings \sim Dave$



PICTURES OF MOMMA OSCAR'S CHILDREN CENTRE AND THE KIBERA SLUM



What's New

If you are wondering what is new, that would be our website! We have a new look and a new address. In most cases you've visited a portion of it to open this newsletter.

So what is different about our new site? Well let me tell you.

First, we've made it much easier to navigate through with drop down menus in order to find what you are looking for, and we've added several new pages and items like:

Newsletters -We will be organizing and archiving all our newsletters on our site so you can easily retrieve them and read through the present and past issues any time you want.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request no matter how big or small and would like our staff to pray for you, just send it along and we will bring it before the throne of God. We also understand that some prayers are private and therefore we will be sure that the only one we share it with is the Lord.

Prayer Calendar -This is a great opportunity for you to partner with us in prayer by knowing weekly how you can pray for the ministry and all that is happening.

Ministry update signup -By just entering your email and name you will automatically be placed on our Inheritance World Ministries family email list where you will receive a weekly devotional, newsletters and special updates all sent to your inbox.

Get Involved -There are plenty of ways for you to partner in our ministry together. Some of the ways include:

- Volunteer -Here is a list of everything from sewing and shopping to serving as a mission team member or with your computer skills.
- **Ministry Items** This is a list of specific items that we are in need of at the ministry that you might like to donate.

For your personal convenience you can also donate safely and securely directly online.

We also added photo galleries to help you experience both our mission trip and the ministries we are partnering with.

As you can see there is much that is new and more is on the way! We will be sure to keep you posted as we update our site <u>www.inheritancewm.org</u> so check out all it holds when you have a chance!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- That God would lead the right people to be part of our mission team this July as we still accept applications to the middle of this month.
- For the continued funds for Monica at the Bringing Miracles Children Centre.
- That God would provide the finances for the team to make this year's mission trip possible.
- For Janice from Haven as she is still in Kenya this month until the 5th and for all she has to do while she is there and for her safety in traveling.
- For Beeper and her husband Sam, for safety and planning as they travel back to the USA. This will also be Sam's first visit.



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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV)

James 1: 27

OUR MISSION

As part of the body of Christ, Inheritance World Ministries is to reach out to the unsaved, to establish the care for orphans and the brokenhearted and to train the church to do the same by equipping them through the application of the Word of God through direct teaching and missions both at home and abroad.



Thank you so much for all you do in helping us minister to the children of Kenya and to others. Your prayers and financial support does more than you know. You may not know this but it has been our goal from the beginning that no one serving at our ministry take a salary so everyone that minister through Inheritance World Ministries volunteers the gifts God has given to them. Because of this fact almost all of the funds we receive go towards the children and people we minister to in the name of Jesus!

So thank you again for all you do both prayerfully and financially. Together we are making a difference for all eternity!

For the least, the last, and the Lost \sim Dave Dowling