



Challenging God's Family To Live Out Their Calling

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Mission Accomplished!

It has been just about 3 weeks now since our 2015 Mission Team arrived home safe and sound from Kenya with lives of those we ministered to and those that participated being changed in many ways.



It was a powerful and successful trip and I'm excited to share with you some of the ways God used this opportunity to serve and minister to the least the last and the lost!

After much sorting packing and preparation our team left for our journey on July 30th from

Saylorsburg, PA. We traveled by bus, four airline flights (we were delayed 4 hours on our initial flight and had to reconnect through London from Brussels), and on foot carrying and pushing supplies to through and from the airports.

After 43 hours of continuous travel we finally arrived at the Haven on the Hill Children's Home just outside of Gatundu Kenya.

For the next two weeks this would be our ministry base and home for our team.

If you had an opportunity to follow some of the limited email updates we were able to provide because of connection problems you might be aware of some of the things that took place, but allow me to give you a better perspective

of all that God allowed us to accomplish.

After a weekend of sorting and



organizing our lives and equipment we hit the ground running on Monday by hosting a Vacation Bible School at the local school with about 270 children able to attend.

We divided the children into several groups that rotated through stations and focused each day on certain Biblical characters as we shared the Word of God with the children.

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People coming forward in response to the Gospel during our outdoor movie outreach at the Haven on the Hill Children's Home!

This Month's Focus On Ministry

Inheritance World Ministries Mission Team Testimonies

I thought you might appreciate a perspective from some of those that served on this year's mission trip. So I have included excerpts from some of the letters they shared about their trip experience. So sit back, read and enjoy!

...I think what impacted me the most was the fact that God gave me a chance to help make a difference. Not in just a couple kids' lives, but many. I got to be part of God's church doing what it was called to do: bringing hope to where there was none, bringing potential and a future to where there was only bleak outlook, and breaking the grip of the poverty

cycle. And most importantly, bringing the Word to a people who are so spiritually hungry that handing out Bibles practically caused a stampede...

...I loved it, and I even wanted to stay. I still think about the boys a lot, I truly miss being there, racing with the boys through the clothes line, playing soccer, hearing them

beat on the drums...

...I am so glad that I got to experience it. It was sad to see all the children without shoes or shoes that were small they had to cut off the front or falling apart. Most of their clothing was torn, but they were happy and they were excited to hear about Jesus. When we went to the

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Mission Accomplished (continued)

Each day the children got to meet the Bible characters first hand and in costume. They learned about Moses, Esther, Shadrach Meshach and Abednego, and on the final day of our VBS they learned about Jesus and the salvation he offers all those that are willing to come and receive Him as Savior. On this our final day of VBS all those in attendance were presented with the opportunity to know Jesus as their personal Savior.

The following day found our team traveling to Nairobi and the Kibera slums that lay just on the outskirts of the city. Kibera is the third largest slum in the world and houses between 800,000 and 1,000,000 people within its 1 square mile boundary. Conditions of poverty here are extreme and it a place that must be visited in order to experience the full impact of the lives effected by it.

Working our way through the slum we made our way to the Miracle and Victory Children's Centre where about 265 children are feed at least one meal a day 6 days a week and provided with teachers to help them learn not only school academics, but about the love of Jesus as well.

During our visit our team was welcomed with open arm and were prompted to join the children in dance and celebration during our visit and to sit and have them share with us from the heart. Many of the children found their way to the lap of our team members and loved the opportunity to just be held and loved. Some even feel asleep in the arms of those that held them.

The next day Saturday was another full day of ministry as the team had been working throughout the week sorting clothes that were brought both by the HOH (Haven on the Hill) and our ministry team into different sizes, organizing them for distribution to the people living in close proximity to the children's home. People by the hundreds waited outside the HOH gate to receive a number that would allow them to enter and receive a set of clothes. Hour after hour people entered the Haven with team members working hard to make sure people were fitted with a fresh set of clothes. When we finally ended our time we realized that over 600 people received clothes. Because most of our closets are full of clothes it may be hard for us to understand the impact this would have as it went a long way to providing for these people not only physically, but emotionally as many that came, came in clothes that were already torn and tattered or with shoes without laces.

Because of the continued spotty rain that loomed over the Haven for days on end it was difficult for us to host our outdoor movie outreach to the locals of the area. But finally on the Tuesday before we would leave to come home God allowed the sky to clear long enough for us to show the Jesus Film to the people there in their native language Kikuyu.

Again people crowded the gate in expectation and continued to come even after the movie started. The team had done an awesome job of setting up the movie screen we brought from home by building a support frame using trees they cut down and hauled up from the river. Using our laptop as a backup movie player because some of our luggage with our equipment was never received until we left (flexibility is the key to missions) the team set up lighting, audio equipment and even a make shift sketchboard to do the ministry presentation.

In all about 300 people came to see the movie. Sitting or standing for the whole 2 plus hours. After the movie ended we quickly moved to present the gospel message to those there with about 100 or more coming forward in response to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Although it was our goal to pass out Bibles in Kikuyu to those making a commitment, we found we were unable to because the desire was so great from the people to receive one that it was unsafe for our team because of the pressing in of the crowd. So other arrangements were made to distribute them. [\(continued on page 3\)](#)



(ABOVE) PICTURES OF OUR TEAM DOING CONSTRUCTION AT THE HAVEN

(BELOW) PICTURES OF OUR TEAM DURING OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM



Mission Accomplished (Continued)

In addition to all the scheduled ministry that took place there was much ministry that took place one on one including spending time loving the children of the haven and performing house visits where Bibles and clothes were distributed.

Our time at the Haven also included construction work that our team worked diligently on during our stay. We tiled the new kitchen walls, painted inside and out on the new building, worked on repairing the retaining wall and steps, as well as fixed doors, lighting and plumbing issues. Besides all that we did hands on we were also able to provide financial gifts to cover the costs to feed the 265 children at the feeding center in Kibera for a month, and to provide ongoing support for the Haven for several months as well as gift other ministries and missionary contacts that we work with there.

As you can see we accomplished much in the name of Christ, but none of it could have been done without YOU! Your prayers and support as always allow us to live out the calling that God has called us to. So please know that no matter what part you play as part of the Inheritance World Ministries Family it is and has made a difference that I am sure will never be fully known this side of eternity! God bless you and Thank you!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- For our new plans in developing a sponsorship program for ongoing support of the children we minister to.
- For continued wisdom in pursuing the ministry opportunities set before us.
- For Haven on the Hill Children's Home as they continue to grow both structurally and in number of children they bring in.
- Please pray also for our board as we pray together and seek God in how He wants us to move ahead in ministry.

Hearing From The Team (Continued)

Kibera Slums I just thought, You don't know poor like the Kibera Slums poor. It's hard to describe unless you see it you can't imagine what they have to go through everyday ...

...Although I was unsure in the beginning what God's plan was in bringing me on this trip, things have been made completely clear in our short time here and I now have a new understanding on the calling he has placed on me. Also I can't thank you enough for allowing me to open up and also for the story of the beggar Wednesday night in our closing time. It spoke to me in a huge way and helped me realize that I've been holding on to things from my past that have really been controlling my present and my future. There are no words to describe the peace and victory I now feel in knowing I've been totally set free and I can simply relax and enjoy his perfect will and plans for my life no matter the circumstance...

...Jesus became more real to me, to follow where he calls me and listening to his direction he places on my life and that of my family. Watching a lady in the village by the Haven on the Hill and her expression when she was given clothes to her expression when she received a Bible was something I will never forget she held it such high esteem, it's difficult to express...

...I will always remember playing Moses in VBS. I don't normally like getting up in front of people but prayed and God gave me the courage to do so and I had a good time doing it. I loved spending time playing with the boys at Haven on the Hill and hope that one day I can go back and visit...

...The trip to Kenya was everything I could have imagined and more. I never

Hearing From The Team (Continued)

knew God could be this powerful! The most touching part for me was visiting the feeding center in the Kibera slums. I got to hold a little boy, not more than 3 years old, for the show they put on. He was so sick and coughing the whole time, but he eventually fell asleep right on my chest. The sadness I felt having to leave him there and not knowing if he would have parents to go home to was indescribable...to see the joy these people had made me realize that even on my worst days, my life will never be as difficult as theirs. I just wanted this ministry to know how thankful I am that I was given such a life changing Experience!



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and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. (NIV)

Isaiah 58:10

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 ministers 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 not only in the here and now but also for all eternity!

For the least, the last, and the Lost ~ Dave Dowling

