



Challenging God's Family To Live Out Their Calling

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Can A Cup Of Coffee Change A Life?

Coffee has been a staple for a long, long, time. There are very few of us that don't start our day or find comfort in a good cup of Java!

But did you know that a cup of coffee can change the life of a child? Actually it's not the cup of coffee itself, but really the funds it would take to purchase a premium cup from one of the well known coffee emporiums.



In taking the time to average out the menu from a well known coffee shop recently, added all the prices from all the different coffees served and then divided them by the number of coffees and added in the sales tax, we found the average cost to come

to \$4.04 a cup.

Now that's not much is it? Just \$4.04, which equates for most of use to a mere bag of shells in the overall picture of what we earn annually here in America and an amount many of us don't hesitate to spend often on a daily basis, all for the pleasure of receiving the satisfaction from a hot cup of Joe!

I know I still haven't answered the question though of how the cost of a cup of coffee or \$4.04 can change a life, so let me explain!

Our desire at Inheritance World Ministries is to minister to and care for the least the last and the lost, especially orphans and children in third world countries.

Our desire is also to be kingdom minded and not feel the need to reinvent the wheel if you will. So in our partnership with other ministries already on the ground doing God's work we come alongside of them and offer our special talents and

resources to help them minister to those same children and people we are seeking to reach for God ourselves.

Two of those ministries are pres-



ently in Kenya Africa and working hard to fill a big void in the lives of children living there in poverty. And it is our goal to help subsidize the ongoing costs to provide for the feeding and care of these children.

So here is how \$4.04 can change a life!

It is called the 5C Challenge! Here is how we got the name and how it works!

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I know there were people that made a difference in your life, will you make a difference in hers?

This Month's Focus On Ministry

Children Of The Kibera Slum

Many times in our life we experience a place that because of what we see and feel and experience becomes permanently etched in our minds.

Kibera is just such a place.

Kibera is a slum located just on the outskirts of Nairobi Kenya in East Africa.

Words and even pictures can not truly describe what would take an actual personal visit to experience both the people and the poverty of Kibera. But for lack of most of your abilities to travel there

any time soon I will try my best to share with you what I feel each time I visit there.

I think first of all you need to grasp an overall view of Kibera before we can view it on a more personal level.

So here are some facts about Kibera that might help you to

Learn bit about what makes up this particular piece of real estate. So here are some facts that I have jotted down for you so that you could get a clearer picture of the slum that lies within the boundaries of the area called Kibera.

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This Month's Focus On Ministry (continued)

Facts You Might Like To Know About Kibera:

- The slum is about 1 square mile in size.
- It is arguably the largest slum in Africa and the third largest in the world.
- About 800,000 to 1,000,000 people live within the boundaries of Kibera.
- The average home in Kibera is about 12 feet square and can sleep up to 8 people.
- The shacks are built with mud, corrugated tin, wood or concrete with concrete or dirt floors. Most of them are linked together like a chain.
- Only about 20% of Kibera has electric.
- In most of Kibera there are no toilet facilities.
- Drinking water is mainly supplied and distributed by hand to each household. Often carried for long distances.

Up Close And Personal

The people of Kibera for the most part are people just like you and me. They love, they laugh, and they dream just like us. Only their dream might be more of food, or a better place to live or of a time when the pressure to survival will no longer dominate their life.

Most of the time when I was invited into a home in Kibera the husband was absent. Because work in general is usually scarce, many of the men are out looking for work in order to earn just enough to put food on the table. Often though success can be fleeting and quite often many go without food sometimes for days on end.

Most of the pathways are lined with trash and sewage because of the lack of toilet facilities and the absence of an organized way to dispose of garbage and children often play in the sewage filled stream that runs through the center of the slum as well as work gathering firewood and other tasks.

The homes themselves are small about 12 foot square and dark inside. The roof is usually made of corrugated tin the is often bent and leaky. The main room is divided by a curtain or sheet hung from one wall to the other. On one side is the living quarters and the other the bedroom, many of which contain just one mattress to be shared.

The Good News!

Even in the midst of the hardship that goes on in Kibera there is still good news! Good news because God has not forgot the people that live there and is using ministries like Inheritance World Ministries to make a difference. Because of our contacts we know in the slum and the ministries that we support that live and work there, lives are being changed.

One of those ministry partners in Kibera is called the Miracle & Victory Children's Centre. This ministry provides scholastic education and also teaches the children about the good new of Jesus Christ! They also feed the 250+ children that attend at least one meal, six days a week. For many of them the food they receive at the center will be their only meal that day and if not for that meal they might go days without food.

Just last month with the gifts that came in to us from people like you we were able to supply the cost of a large 5000 liter water tank to harvest rain water to reduce the cost of water they have to buy. This storage tank will also supply adequate water to feed the 4 water tank cleaning stations we were able to purchase so the children can wash there hands to help prevent the diseases so prevalent in the slum (photo in the sidebar on the right). Additional money also provided an opportunity for the children to travel outside the slum to visit a nearby animal orphanage and helped the centre fulfill one of the teaching requirements set by the government. The trip offered an experience rare to the children and also provided a special meal for the children in carrying for their every day needs!

So thank you for all you do through your prayers, and your support no matter how big or small, because as you can see it is making a difference... and it's a big one!



PICTURES OF THE CHILDREN IN THE KIBERA SLUM AND THE NEEDS YOU PROVIDED!



Coffee (Continued)

The name comes for five words that all begin with the letter “C” and when coupled together provide the means to make a difference in the life of a child. In essence the 5C Challenge is described as this:

“People that CARE enough to COMMIT to giving up the price of at least one premium cup of COFFEE to CHANGE the life of a CHILD forever!

Our research has found that to feed a child at least one meal every weekday for a month in the slums of Kibera cost just \$6. To feed and help educate that same child and show them the love of Christ costs about \$11 a month. And when people care enough to share the cost of several cups of coffee we can couple those gifts and the means to underwrite the cost to care for the raising of an orphaned child through one of the children’s homes we work with allowing them to receive food, shelter, education, medical supplies, clothes, love and so much more!

So you can see how just \$4.04 can make a difference. But what if someone were willing to give up the cost of two cups of coffee a month or \$8.08 or a cup just one day a week providing \$16.06. It may not seem like much to you and me, but it can make all the difference in the life of a child!

Signing up for the 5C Challenge couldn’t be much easier. You can start with a gift of just one cup of coffee or multiple cups if you wish. And once you accept the challenge there is nothing more to do as funds will automatically be transferred monthly from your account towards the care of a child.

In addition as a 5C Challenge supporter you will receive a special periodic email with a photo and story about one of the children whose lives you are ministering to and caring for through your giving.

So would you please pray and ask God if he is leading you to sacrificing what many of us long for in order to provide for a child many of the things they long for.

To sign up for the 5C Challenge or to learn more visit our web page at www.inheritancewm.org/accept-the-5c-challenge/ and God bless you for all you do!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- For Dave as he is scheduled to teach a four day seminar “Surviving and thriving through the train wrecks of life” at the Heat wave teen conference sponsored by Youth for Christ in Wildwood New Jersey the end of June.
- For the development of some special ministry projects we are working on presently that we hope to be sharing with you once they get under way.
- For additional speaking opportunities to share the ministry and all that God is doing through us together.
- For some specialty outreaches and trainings we hope to be doing in the near future.



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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

