



The Plans HE Has For You Ministries

Mission Trip 2022 update



Barbara Sims

His Grace

It is only by His Grace we were able to go on this mission trip to Kenya. All the Plans are His and they always have been. "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10 This verse amazes me, that the King, Creator, and Sustainer of the whole world made plans for us to go to Kenya and be His hands and feet. We as humans don't do this perfectly, but by His Grace He still gets the glory when we say yes. Thank you to the team that said yes and went to serve. Thank you to each of you that said yes and gave the funds for the home visits, feeding program, shoes, backpacks, uniforms, school supplies, crafts, bibles, etc. Thank you to everyone who sent clothes, jackets, and shoes. The trip was a huge success, and we won't know until Heaven all the lives that were touched.

We were blessed first by not having to get Covid tests to return to the US. This made it so much less stressful and enabled us to just go and serve. Our program this year consisted of VBS at three schools and 32 Home visits. We were also able to meet with our Builder, Samuel Mbagu, who will be working on projects for Kagio to have a refurbished computer lab, and Munyu-ini Special Unit classroom to receive some much needed repairs. This year we bought 1300 backpacks: 485 for Munyu-ini, 360 for Kagio, 22 for Gaitete, and 380 for Nduchi. Backpacks were also given to the boys at Haven on the Hill, teachers, and to those in need in the community. Students at Munyu-ini and Nduchi also received new shoes, socks, uniform, and school supplies. Kagio students received a backpack with school supplies, and a cross craft to remind them of our Savior's great love for them.



Kagio Primary School children returning blessings to us for visiting their school and giving them backpacks. In 2020 and 2021 these kids received shoes, uniforms and backpacks. Mr. Chai, the Head Teacher spoke and gave thanks to God for his school being able to receive these gifts. Thank you for your gifts to these children, and passing the blessing to you - "Ubarikiwe" - be blessed in Swahili.

Lauren Tennison

Being the Salt & Light

This Summer, for the first time in 3 years, I had the incredible privilege of sharing a Bible story and teaching a Bible lesson to the students of Nduchi Primary, Kagio Primary, and Munyu-Ini Primary School. In our first post-Covid trip, with a world upended and worried, we wanted to make sure that we brought these children a lesson of GOD'S LOVE and the HOPE that HIS SON JESUS CHRIST has given us all. The story chosen was none other than the Sermon on the Mount, one of Jesus' best-known lessons. Of course, the Sermon in its entirety stretches over 3 chapters of Matthew and is filled with Christ's wisdom for our lives, it would take days to teach everything it covers, so we chose 3 lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. These three lessons were specifically chosen because they were things that Children could do in their everyday life, lessons that could comfort and provide HOPE:

- 1. Reflect Christ's Light in all that you do, be beacons of HIS love by caring for others and keep your world free of corruption by sharing the word.**
- 2. Love Your Enemies, PRAY for your enemies, and DO NOT WORRY about anything.**
- 3. Seek First HIS Kingdom, and all will be provided to you.**

We taught this to children as young as 4 all the way up to 14 years old, the smaller kids had fun tasting salt and playing with flashlights, while the older children really took in the lessons. You could feel a calming change in the older children as they were reminded of Our Father's Love for them and Christ's wonderful teachings. There is no HOPE in this world without Jesus, so we ended each lesson by inviting those who hadn't already accepted Jesus in their hearts, and those who have, to pray with us and accept/recommit our lives to Christ.

It was a wonderful and truly beautiful experience getting to teach and minister to these wonderful children and adults. Each year the classes are getting bigger, filling with more children who can now attend school, which means that we'll need more people teaching and sharing the word with the world. Maybe God has planned for you to join us, we'd love to have your help on our 2023 mission trip to be the Salt and the Light of Jesus.

Along with the Bible Story Lisa and Barbara taught the kids songs with hand motions from scripture to sing. John 8:12, Matt: 6: 31-34 These songs the children remember and sing back to us each year when we come visit.



Nduchi Primary School coming to Haven on the Hill to receive their backpacks, uniforms, shoes, socks, and school supplies. This spring Nduchi Primary School received new teachers latrines, new student latrines and plastered walls in all the classrooms. The plastered walls help to reflect the light better, allow a smooth space to hang posters, and improve the overall feeling inside the classrooms and give students a sense of pride in their school.



Gaitete Nursery School



Munyu-ini Primary School



Home visits

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Just over the ridge, is another and another

Home....School....

It amazes me how many people live in such a small area. I know God has big plans for this area because we are told of more schools and children in need each time we visit. This trip Robert and I went to visit Kirangi, a school we have been told about three times now down the valley and around by the Tea Factory. We spoke to a teacher there and found the biggest needs at the school right now are shoes for the children and refurbishing three classrooms so they can be used. This school has lots of potential, but like all schools in the area it lacks funding. God always makes a way when there seems to be no way.

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matt 9: 35-38

Will you pray to the Lord of the Harvest?



Pictured are Lucy and Kathy with a family from the village selected by Lucy. All the ladies who work at Haven on the Hill love the Lord and know of so many homes in need. It is a huge blessing to have them guide us to the homes God has already selected. This family was in huge need of food and blankets that Lucy went back to take them. It was a very cold winter this year and the blankets and coats make a huge difference.

It doesn't matter how many times I go to Kenya, I'll never get over this view. Nestled into each ridge is row after row of homes that blanket the landscape like the patchwork look of the tea plants being pruned back for new growth. Most of these homes aren't visible as you walk or drive along, but as you head down over a ridge you can spot the tin homes in lines. Most of these homes are rented and the families that live in them pick tea for a living. When we approach the homes for a visit, the children are out playing in whatever clothes they own and most without shoes of any kind. It's these same children who are proud to wear their clean new school uniform and shoes they are given. A home visit is a huge blessing to these families. Many in Kenya are going hungry right now and your gift is making a difference. Thank you for your heart to give.



The Team at church with the Haven on the Hill Boys getting ready to worship God. Our Bible Story was so timely that Beatrice asked Lauren to give it this Sunday at the local church.

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Current Needs:

- Pray for what God is doing and what He would have us do in expanding our program to possibly another school**
- Bibles for our next trip to give to Class 8 students as they transition to High School (\$10 each x 200)**
- Team members to join us next year on our Mission Trip in 2023**
- Monthly donors to the Nduchi feeding program. Food costs have gone up by 40% What was \$50 a day, is now closer to \$85 a day to feed all the children. Any monthly amount given toward the program makes a huge difference.**
- Repairs needed at Munyu-ini Special Needs classroom and the Kagio Computer lab. The floors have deep holes and are not safe for the children (\$5,000)**
- Home visits \$50 each. This next year we would like to be able to bless 50 homes with food for 2 weeks.**

Thank you for prayerfully considering each of these needs,

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