

Planning Trip a Success!!

I travelled to Kenya with our friend Janice the last week of February to plan and lay the foundation for our Mission Trip in the July-August timeframe. I met with the Head Teacher at Nduchi Primary School, Mr. Peter Wairire to discuss the needs of the school and the students that attend. The outcome of the meeting is that our team will have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with the nearly 300 children that attend this school via two days of Vacation Bible School activities. At the end of the second day we will also be able to provide each student with a new uniform and a backpack filled with much needed school supplies. We also plan to give the chalk boards a deep cleaning and provide a supply of chalk and erasers for each classroom. I was also able to meet both of the ladies that will make the uniforms for the children. Both were excited for the opportunity to get started and for the additional income this will provide for their families. It is amazing how God can take something small to us, the \$10 or so US dollars it takes to provide a student with a uniform and use it not only to bless that child to be able to attend school, but also the community by providing work and additional income. In addition to the Vacation Bible School for the local school, we will be hosting a one day event at Haven on the Hill Children's Home for another area children's home. This will give us the opportunity to share the gospel and love of Jesus with approximately 60 more children. In my stay I also was able to make connections with other missionaries throughout Kenya and Tanzania that may provide opportunities for future ministry partners. One such organization is Tierney Christian Mission that operates near the Ugandan border to seventeen villages. I hope to be able to touch base with them when returning in July. I am excited to see what our LORD has in store!

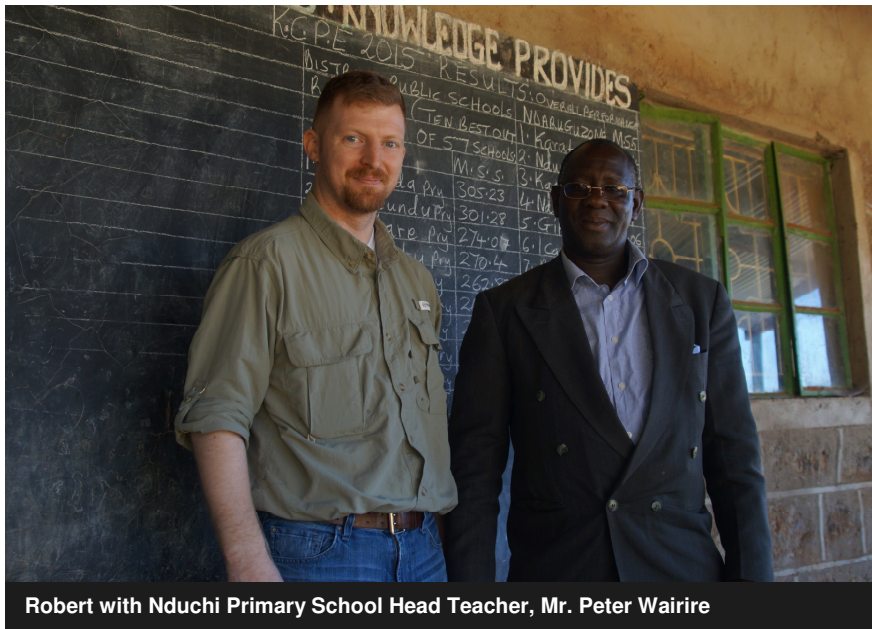
In HIM, *Robert*



Students at Nduchi Primary School

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Robert with Nduchi Primary School Head Teacher, Mr. Peter Wairire

Supporting the Local Economy

The uniforms that the students wear consist of a collared button down shirt and shorts for the boys and a dress for the girls. Each student also wears a sweater. All of these items are made locally by two women that I had the honor to meet with while I was in Kenya in February.

Rose Muthoni makes the shirts, shorts and dresses. Her shop is across the street from Haven on the Hill Children's Home. She is a single mother with a young daughter that attends Nduchi.

Fidelis Waceke makes the sweaters. She also lives in the village and among her children is a son that attends high school away from home and a toddling daughter.

It is great to know that we can not only provide the needed new uniforms to the students, but that we can also support the local economy.

Primary Education in Kenya

Primary school in Kenya starts at age six and runs for eight years. Many schools also have Nursery School and Pre-unit classes—what we would consider Pre-K and Kindergarten. While primary education in Kenya is “free,” many families cannot afford the rest of the expenses associated with schooling. These include books, school uniforms, stationary and transportation. In many areas, class sizes are very large, desks are shared, and there inadequate water, meals and restroom facilities. The Ministry of Education manages the curriculum development and setting the running costs of the schools. The management of the schools is left to school committees and Head Teachers who are responsible for the day to day running of the schools.

We were first introduced to Nduchi Primary School through our friends at Haven on the Hill Children's Home. This is the local public school that the boys attend. There are nearly 300 children that attend this school that range from Nursery Class to Class 8, with class sizes ranging from 20-35 students. The school is fairly equally split, with slightly more boys attending than girls.

T-Shirt Campaign



We have started a t-shirt campaign on the fundraising website—Booster. The purchase price of each shirt is \$21 and each shirt purchased covers the cost of one uniform for our Kenya 2016 program.

The campaign will run through April 15, 2016 with shirts delivered in early May.

To purchase a shirt you can contact Robert or Barbara Sims, or Julia Sims.

You can also visit the website: <https://booster.com/phhyministries>



Locally made uniforms worn by Mungai and Ian



Summer 2015 Vacation Bible School at Nduchi Primary School

Ministry Needs Where Funds Go

All donations are going toward the Kenya 2016 Program unless otherwise designated. For this program a \$25 donation will provide one student at Nduchi Primary School with a uniform, a backpack and an assortment of school supplies.

We are almost halfway to our fundraising goal! Thank you so much for your support!



Mission Trip—Summer 2016

I am so excited about our upcoming mission trip. Above is a picture from last year's VBS at the school. As you can see the chalkboards are in major need of cleaning! The students are so excited to see us each day, and are very eager to learn about Jesus' love for them. As you can see from the chart to the left we are right at half of the funds needed. The current funds raised will cover the cost of the uniforms we've already ordered and committed to. The rest of the funds will provide the backpacks and much needed school supplies.

It is amazing the things we take for granted here in America are luxuries to these students. 95% of the students do not have backpacks, and those that do, use an old flour or grain sack that has straps sewn onto it. Paper is precious over there and not just used for fun or even to do homework on. Providing paper, pencils and pens to these students will help them learn and achieve more in school.

You may think, well I can't give a lot. That's ok, God takes even a \$5 gift and uses it to change and impact a student's life for His glory. Think of the Bible story where Jesus takes one boy's lunch of a few loaves of bread and fish and uses it to feed over 5,000 people. Imagine Him doing the same thing with your gift. I think too many times I/we put God into the same constraints we as humans have, a God box if you will. We have to shake off these constraints and not limit God to our own understanding, because nothing is impossible for Him. He has no limits, no boundaries and certainly can't be contained in a box designed by the human mind. So give up that Starbucks this week or for the next month and use that \$5+ to impact a student's future.

Love, *Barbara*

About our Ministry

We are an educational based mission/ministry. Our mission is to provide for or enhance the educational opportunities of underprivileged, underserved or orphaned children. God has plans for us all, plans to prosper us and give us a future and a hope. That future and hope for most students around the world comes through education. An education is the ticket up and out of poverty. For some it's simply a school uniform required in order to attend school. For others it's uniforms, supplies and tuition assistance. In many countries where people live on less than a \$1 per day, uniforms, supplies and money required to attend school are luxuries. Our goal is to provide for these needs to show these children they are cared for, by us and by God. For our first year we plan to provide uniforms, backpacks, and school supplies for students in a small community outside of Nairobi, Kenya called Ituramiro. From there we will continue to providing these educational needs to the poorest of the poor in this area, and growing the circle to include other small towns and villages to meet their unique educational needs. We also plan to seek out similar opportunities in communities in Texas, around the United States, and in other international locales.

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after widows and orphans in their distress...” - James 1:27a

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