



## Kenya 2017....the next step in our journey!

We will return to Haven on the Hill Children's Home and Nduchi Primary School this summer to continue the program that we kicked off in 2016: providing uniforms and backpacks for the children to attend school. Just spending one day doing VBS in 2015 for these children and I could see the path that God was laying before me. A path my husband had been hinting at for a while. But as usual God's plans are much bigger than our own.

Much planning and preparation is needed each year to make this a reality. So after Robert and Lauren's planning trip to Kenya early this month the framework for Kenya 2017 mission trip has been lined out. We will leave around July 23rd for a two-week trip to show the love and hope of Jesus to the children of Kenya through VBS and providing the much needed backpacks, uniforms and school supplies. Because if we are to truly live like Jesus lived we must be His hands feet. We must be the change we want to see in the world. This summer we will spend the first few days in Kenya picking up uniforms, shoes and school supplies from the planning trip. Once we settle in at Haven on the Hill, we will then pack the 300+ backpacks brought over from the states full of school supplies. We will also meet to prepare our stations and Bible Stories to tell of God's great love for them for the two VBS: Nduchi school and Ear-Trek. On Saturday, July 29th we plan to host the children of Ear-Trek, an organization that works with the hearing impaired, for a day of fun, games and Jesus' love. Each child will leave with a backpack and school supplies. We will then have three days of Vacation Bible School for the nearly 300 children from the village at the Nduchi Primary School. At the conclusion of day three, each student will receive a new uniform, pair of school shoes, backpack and supplies. Oh, and if you feel God calling you to go with us this year, you will also get to spend time falling in love with the 20+ boys that call Haven on the Hill home. We are still looking to fill a few spots on our Mission Team this year. Has God laid on your heart to serve Him in this way? If you think He may have pray about it and talk to us. I warn you, if you follow Him your life will never be the same.



Clockwise top left: Collins, Ian, James, Erick from Haven on the Hill



Robert and Lauren with Nduchi Primary School Leadership

## Ear-Trek

While in Nairobi we visited Ear-Trek which is an organization that targets hearing-impaired children that is led by Florence Wambui Waiyaki. The program's goal is to work with hearing-impaired children in partnership with their families and communities to access facilities, information and necessary support resulting in independence and self-reliance of the child.

Ear-Trek offers assessment and screening as well as a day school teaches speech and language training. They also look to equip parents by holding sign language classes.

More information about Ear-Trek can be found on their website: [www.ear-trek.com](http://www.ear-trek.com).

## Local Sourcing

Once again, we will be locally sourcing the uniforms for the children of Nduchi Primary School. We have again enlisted the services of Rose Muthoni and Fidelis Waceke. This year we have also added the services of another local tailor. Rose is a single mother with a daughter that attends Nduchi and Fidelis is an elder in the Presbyterian Church that has a son away at boarding school as well as a beautiful toddling daughter. We also sourced from a local shop—Meta-meta Tailors to ease the burden on Rose to sew the nearly 300 uniforms.

It is great to be able to not only provide all of the children at the school with new uniforms, but to put money into the local economy as well.



## Kenya 2017 T-Shirt Campaign

We will once again launch a t-shirt campaign on the fundraising website—Booster. We will launch the campaign beginning April 8th. The purchase price of each shirt is \$25 and each shirt purchased covers the cost of one uniform for our Kenya 2017 program.

The campaign will run through May 6th with shirts delivered in late May.

To purchase a shirt visit the website after April 8th:

<https://booster.com/phhyministries2017>

or contact Robert, Barbara or Julia Sims.



View across the valley from Haven on the Hill Children's Home

## Funds needed for 2017

We asked for your help in meeting our 2017 goal of \$15,000 for programs. God has worked through you to put us well on our way to this goal! We are currently 70% of the way! Thank you for your faithfulness to answer God's call financially!

Every gift you make is important—just \$15 will buy a pair of shoes or a uniform, \$10 furnishes supplies, \$5 will cover a backpack.

Is God calling you to be a goer also?

## 1st Annual Barbecue Fundraiser

We will hold our first annual fundraiser at the end of April. Come join us for a barbecue baked potato with all the fixin's, and hear about our upcoming Kenya trip and plans for the ministry as well as see slides from our past trips. We will also have desserts available for purchase, as well a silent auction (cash, check or card accepted) and a station to order your own Kenya 2017 t-shirt. We will also have live music.

**When:** Saturday, April 29th; 11am to 1pm

**Where:** Tarkington Middle School Commons  
2770 FM 163  
Cleveland, Texas 77327

**Cost:** \$10 per plate

Advance purchase of tickets is strongly encouraged so we can accurately prepare the food.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting one of the following:

Robert & Barbara Sims—254-644-5092

Julia Sims—281-592-7627

Cindy McCarther—832-599-8580

Or email us at: [PHHYMinistries@gmail.com](mailto:PHHYMinistries@gmail.com)



Left to right: Tonny, James Macharia, Lawrence Another view from Haven on the Hill

# 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. Our current program provides uniforms, shoes, backpacks, and school supplies for students in a small community outside of Nairobi, Kenya called Ituramiro. We also plan to seek out similar opportunities in communities in Texas, around the United States, and in other international locales as God leads us.

**"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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