



"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 A HOPE AND A FUTURE." JEREMIAH 29:11

Mission Trip 2019.....Reflecting HIM

It's hard to believe we are already back from Kenya Mission Trip 2019. I'm sitting here finally feeling like the jet lag is going away thinking its time to get it all on paper. We did many things on the trip, excuse me, God did all the things on the trip. I've been praying this year with the mind set that He has gone before us and worked everything out in our favor. Yes, we know He does this, but do we actually live life that way? HE has already been there, our present is the past to Him. I'm learning daily, if I view my life this way, things go a lot better. God has been calling me for some time to sit at His feet, to spend more time reading HIS word and start my mornings in prayer and in His word. Each day as I read and pray, He is showing me things about His character and attributes that I've always known, but for some reason I've failed to put them into action. It's like He's been saying all this time, "I have so much more for you, you don't have to do it all yourself, give it to me," surrendering is so hard for me. I'm a doer by nature, but I want to be, more than anything what God wants me to be. To do this I have to check every day that my identity is in Christ, so I can live my life that way.

When I was a little girl, I remember a missionary coming to GA (Christian) camp telling us all about the wonders of Kenya, and God telling me I would be a missionary to Kenya. At the time I think I said, "ok," then I grew up and put all my wants in front of God's plans. As we know His plans are perfect, and He worked through and around me until I am now, a missionary to Kenya. I'm wondering when I will stop trying to do it all, and just let God do it all since, He does it all anyway.

So... on to reflecting Him, this trip I really wanted to reflect Him, and I feel like for the most part, except for that little situation at customs, I was showing His love to others. Sadly, we got charged at customs this time for bringing things into the country to give away to the poor and needy. It still boggles my mind, but I'm going to let that go and let God. Because letting Him take the lead opens doors. (I'm going to have to start tattooing all His attributes and promises on my body so that I will see them every moment of everyday.)

This trip one of our major goals was to help fix up Nduchi Primary by painting the outside door frames and windows to brighten it up, and to paint a 3 foot wide stripe around the room to help REFLECT the light coming in. They have electricity set up, but no bulbs, and with the cost and dirty electricity the sky lights we added really brought in the light. Then the white stripe we added Reflected the light. Our next major goals were to do VBS at Nduchi and VBS at Munyu-Ini and give away school supplies, totes & shoes/uniforms/socks for kids at Nduchi. Spring Baptist Church blessed us with money for Bibles so the older students at both schools received Bibles. Our home visits gave much needed food for the poorest of the families along with a blanket and a Bible.

I hope and pray that next year we can do an even better job of Reflecting Him and His great all consuming love that He pours out like a flood from Heaven. Barbara





Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? Matthew 6:26-27

After spending a week at the orphanage, visiting the local schools and meeting all of the village kids I knew they weren't living off of much but for me it wasn't until we did the home visits that I realized the level of poverty they were really dealing with. Our first stop this picture will forever be engrained in my head. A baby girl setting on their only "bed" and by bed I mean a wooden frame covered in old papers to act as a cushion for a mattress in their one room home. The sadness in her little eyes made me wonder how long it had been since she'd eaten, if she was being properly cared for and what her future would hold however the gratefulness in her mother's as we were able to bless them with a bag of food, a bible and a blanket reminded me that even in the hills of rural Kenya God always provides. Because of The Plans HE Has For You Ministries, this mother and daughter were able to have meals for a few weeks, stay warm and most importantly will now know the Word of God. I can honestly say in my 40 years on earth I've never had a better feeling than getting to help be the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Jen

And the King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40



From Jen's testimony above you will see just how important these home visits are. Yes, we can tell people we love Jesus and even help out the school kids and local kids, but something changes when you go into someone's home, give them a bag of food, a blanket and a Bible and ask to pray for them. People really need to see the love of Jesus displayed before they can know the truth of how good our God is, because unless you experience His goodness and grace for yourself you don't have a personal experience and it is that personal experience with Jesus Christ that changes lives. Do you want to be the hands and feet of Jesus like Jen did this last year? Is He calling you go on mission with us? Or is He calling you to step out on faith and give to one of these needy children. Since we've started we've had many ask us, "what we are doing for kids here in the US?" We've done a few things, but nothing yet that isn't already being done. After some discussion from the board we will be starting to offer dual credit scholarships to junior and seniors to help with the rising costs of higher education here in the us. Check out of web page in 2020 for details.

We are not just giving away backpacks, supplies, we are giving away HOPE for a brighter future and SMILES!!



Our Monday morning VBS at Nduchi was our big give away: shoes, socks, uniforms, school supplies and totes to keep it all in. We shared with the children the story of Jesus and Peter walking on the water. Our verse was Psalms 56:3—"Whenever I am afraid I will trust in YOU." So simple, but a great lesson to all of us as well. One moment we feel like we can walk on water, but then we look around and let life drag us down into the wind and waves. Keeping our eyes on Jesus and trusting in Him is the only way to live a full life in Christ. The beautiful girl pictured in the middle above was so happy to receive her shoes! The picture on the right is at Munyu-ini and left is painting Nduchi. I'm just blown away at how well the uniforms and jumpers we gave them last year held up! The backpacks are also still in very good shape. My favorite picture though is the picture on the right. Do you see those older boys and girls smiles about water paints? What 13 year old do you know that would smile about water colors? In the US, not one I know. So when you think about giving this year to our ministry, I want you look at those faces and know that any gift will change a life for a child in Kenya.

2020 Goal:

\$32,500

In 2020 we are going to bless 3 schools in Kenya and start our dual credit scholarships. It's a big goal, but with a monthly donation from 50 people at \$50 a month = \$30,000 needed for the schools and we are praying for individual gifts to fund our scholarship program. GOD is doing big things!!!

So, when you set your mind on reflecting Him, I've noticed things go much better, and you can actually see how HE worked things out. When you spend time in prayer praying and you record your prayers, you will begin to notice a pattern that He answers prayers and you Praise HIM. The more time you spend with HIM the more you see what He is doing, your life becomes more full of JOY and less worry because you prayed about it and gave it to HIM. It seems so simple, but I'm realizing how often we get bogged down that we forget this very simple principle of faith. Faith is more than believing, it's believing with action behind it. Praying and letting God go to work on your behalf.

- \$10 gives a tote and school supplies or a Bible
- \$25 gives shoes and sweater or \$26 to feed a family of 4 for 2 weeks
- \$50 gives shoes, uniform, socks, tote and school supplies
- Any amount towards an approximate \$300 dual credit scholarship here in US

Select your gift or amount and write it on the note line of your check or on the giving site in the notes section. We all can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Thank your for your generosity!

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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