

AFRICA TRIP REPORT

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What a difference a few weeks make.

Dear Board Members, Partners and friends,

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. To describe the trip and the people I met in one word I would say magnificent, to describe the presence and moving of God I would say it was AWESOME! The ever presence of God with bringing people to Himself, healing those in need and filling many with the Holy Spirit was definitely powerful and indescribable. We accomplished all we set out to do and more thanks to a miracle working God. So much happened in such a short time but I will try and give a brief summary.

I arrived late in Nairobi. Thanks to Richard and Sarah for their hospitality. We were able to bless them by having the bathroom and kitchen plumbing repaired and eliminating a health hazard. The morning after my arrival I woke up with a sore throat, coughing and congestion problems. After much prayer God healed me and on Sunday I was able to minister at the Destiny Community Church and was blessed to participate in a street ministry in the slums that night where 3 young men and about 10 children gave their lives to the LORD. I gave out about 180 colorful bracelets with sayings like Jesus Loves You, etc.

Beautiful children were living in terrible structures, some with no clothing and there was a stream of sewage running down the street as we ministered. Pastor Peter had moved into the area to start his church there and help the people spiritually and physically as he could. The next day we walked the streets and saw sewage and garbage all over with sub standard living conditions. I saw one man sleeping next to the waste. My only thought was no person should have to live like that as tears filled my eyes. Everywhere we walked we could smell sewage. I met some wonderful people and prayed with them. I also met Sarah's parents. Her father started 52 churches in Kenya and they will be coming to minister at our National Day of Prayer on May 1.

Off to Ogembo and Nyanza to meet the two Pastors I had been working with. I would be spending most of my time working with them and the orphans. Richard and John offered to go with me to help with luggage and see that I arrived safely. It was a long bus ride and Pastor Reuben and Pastor Enock were both at the bus station in Kisumu with their assistant

pastors and church members to greet us. They had rented a large passenger van to take us to Reuben's village in Ogembo. It was late as we walked the last portion of the trip in the dark since the driver thought the road was too bad. We probably walked about a mile. When we got close I could hear little voices singing Welcome, Welcome. What a wonderful greeting as they ran out to meet us. Our first night of ministry there lasted until about 3 a.m. with 3 men accepting Jesus as their Savior. We welcomed people to come up for prayer and as I prayed over them most of them fell and were filled with the Holy Spirit including our Pastors and their assistants. What a glorious night as the presence of God filled the room and those who came for prayer. I was asked to pray for Reuben's father who was very sick in bed and the next morning he was out of bed and came to the house where we were. He still had some problems so we prayed some more and God healed him.

Over the next few days we distributed about 65 T shirts, pencils, erasers, jump ropes, foot ball and other items that I brought with me. We bought grocery carts of food and necessities like oil, soap, tooth paste, etc. for Pastors, their families and orphan. We also purchased:

- A few large bags of white corn and rice
- 20 Bibles and distributed 10 to each church
- Shoes for all the orphans and the Pastors & their families
- 11 mattresses and 12 blankets
- 4 solar lamps – (2 larger ones capable of charging cell phones, etc.) - eliminate need for kerosene lamps
- Left money for Pastor Enock to buy 10 chickens
- Made 3 trips into Kisumu to draw money from bank and purchase more food for everyone including workers such as bread, meat, cheese, butter, mayonnaise, bananas, water melon, crackers, butter cookies, juice, etc.

They set the food in front of me so I started making sandwiches and I was told that they had never had a sandwich and they thought they were sweet. (Meaning good)



Images show the food we bought such as bags of rice and corn as well as shoe and Bible giveaway and orphanage construction.

Building an Orphanage

We had services in the morning and every night starting around 9 p.m. I drew up plans for a 22' x 18' orphanage one night and asked for Reuben to find us a contractor. When we found a contractor and started to build the orphanage we had to shorten the morning services to about ½ hour after breakfast so we could work on getting supplies and work on the bldg. The contractor agreed to supervise while we provided the labor and material which saved a lot of money. Our people prepared and leveled the ground and some went out to buy trees, cut them and carry them back to our site. As they were bringing in trees the contractor started construction and actually did most of the work constructing the frame and roof.

Orphanage being constructed at Reuben's Church which he has now named Pearl Gates of Heaven Church so maybe this will be called Pearl Gates of Heaven Orphanage.

The walls have been filled with clay mixed with water and will set for about 3 or 4 months to bake and harden and then a finish will be applied. This was truly a work of God and I am still amazed that this was accomplished in less than a week. May God bless the contractor and all who participated to give these children a warm and secure shelter. This bldg. can also double as a church when necessary.

As work continued on the orphanage I was getting reports of people having been healed that I had prayed for and Reuben's brother who had fallen, injured his neck and shoulder & was in a lot of pain came for prayer one morning and was healed. We went over to Enock's church on 10-29-31 where God continued to do miracles and bless His people. We had a short service upon arrival as it was about to rain and some of us went inside the house for fellowship. The next morning we shared God's Word as I taught those who were present as some were out picking tea leaves as it was a work day. At noon I was told by Pastor Jairus that the people weren't hungry for natural food and they didn't want to go to lunch but wanted more spiritual food. Since it was muddy and there were benches that were not movable I asked them to come outside and I would pray for them. God moved mightily as many people came for prayer and all the people who came were delivered and filled with the Holy Spirit falling to the ground.



Testimonies were given afterward and Bibles were distributed. One man testified that he had seen people fall like that on television but thought it was phony but now he knows that it is real. People gave reports of feeling power come into them, some felt heat & love. Be-

cause I couldn't understand the language some were speaking I depended upon others to tell me what they were saying. After prayer people were brought into the house for prayer. At least three people were healed that day.

PAIN IN LEG (see above photo)

At the time of praying, all the pain had left the woman. I just received an email from Pastor Enock stating that "she is now well and she tells me on Sunday to continue praying for her because, through you, God has done wonders for her."

PAIN IN HIP (see above photo)

The boy came with pain in his hip and God impressed upon me that it was his leg that was the problem. I picked up his leg. One was shorter than the other. As I prayed, he was filled with the holy spirit and his right leg grew to the same length as the left one. He got up and walked out and in, out and in, and said he was fine.

Hallelujah and praises to our God. I can't share all the healings and what God did but enough to show how Mighty and Awesome our loving God is.

Headed for Uganda

On October 31 we went to Reuben's and took pictures of the orphanage, dedicated it, said good byes and headed for Uganda. Pastor Reuben and Pastor Enock accompanied us to Ogembo town. We went on & at a check point we were stopped and our driver arrested and his vehicle impounded.

The officer was kind and took us to a place where we could get another vehicle to take us to the bus depot in Kisumu to take us to Busia (on the border of Kenya and Uganda) where Bishop Andrew offered to meet and drive us to Mbale. It was so comforting to meet him and be past the hassle of customs, etc. From the bus drop off point we had to hire 2 motor-bikes to get us and the luggage to customs to leave Kenya and then walk to the customs to enter Uganda. Needless to say it was an adventuresome day and I was happy that Bishop Andrew had arranged and checked me into a nice room with a warm shower to clean up before meeting our hosts for dinner that evening.

The next morning I had time for some worship and a complimentary breakfast before being picked up by Bishop Andrew and one of his Pastors who would be my interpreter. She was a delight and a pleasure. Bishop Andrew has an amazing testimony, loving family, a tremendous ministry and a great staff of Pastors, teachers and others doing God's work with him. He started and oversees 10 churches and 3 orphanages/schools where he has 240 children. The children are so precious. I admire the work that the Bishop and his staff are doing. A

woman donated the land for one of the schools which doubles as a church. God truly is working in their lives and ministry as they continue to reach out and grow. God has brought people together to bring the dreams and visions he gave some of them to manifestation.

Our days were full from the time of arrival to departure. I was honored to participate with them for 3 days as God brought us together to pray, minister and love the people whom God has given him to oversee. The first day, we were off to visit and speak at 4 churches and 3 orphanages. Such a blessing. The children sang songs for us and I had a few minutes to address the children before we distributed pencils and erasers contributed by Angels Glad Tidings.

At the last church we visited that day a woman came forth asking for prayer for her side and back so I prayed for her & she was healed. The 2nd day I was privileged to visit and dedicate a church under construction. Bishop Andrew had written some time ago about how hard things were and that they needed a place to build a church. I told him I couldn't help financially but would pray that God would supply the need. We fasted and prayed for 21 days and God answered our prayer. He explained how someone gave them the land. They would be starting services there next week on Sunday the 10th of Nov. How faithful God is.

We then went to a Church Service in a Community Bldg. where I was privileged to pray for the people and revival. On the way to the next church we got stuck and arrived late, however, the people were still in worship so I was allowed to give a short message and pray for them. On the way back it was dark and there were big semi trucks, etc. stuck in the middle of the road so as we attempted to go around them, slid off the road and it took awhile with people pushing to get us out and back on the road so it was too late to get to the next church and I am sure the men were looking forward to cleaning up as their shoes and clothes were full of mud.

There were 3 services this Sunday and it was the last Sunday for services to be held here as the church was built on rented ground and it would be torn down & the metal roofing sheets and other materials used on the new Church bldg. The 3rd service was an Amazing and Awesome exhibit of God's Power as Bishop Andrew started doing deliverance and asked me to come up and anoint and pray over all the church members. People were delivered, some were healed and others set free and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We were then taken to the bus depot for the 12 hour ride back to Nairobi which left at 5 p.m. I was blessed to spend my last day with new friends that came to spend time with me and see me off. To my wonderful friends in Africa thanks to all of you who made me feel so welcome. You are thought about, missed and prayed for. May God continue the work He has started.

“The LORD is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His Works.” (Psalm 145:9)

Thank you is just not enough for those of you who made all this all possible. God has done Great things and I pray He will bless you as you blessed others. Angels were rejoicing over those who accepted Jesus as their Savior. Truly the harvest is great and many are in the valley of decision. The people are hungry and want more of Him. Please continue to pray for the lost. "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." (Psalm 150:6) He is Worthy to be praised and is an AWESOME God.

Love & Shalom,

Margaret T. Jensen, Overseer