

Building on the Success of Team Kenya 2009, 2011 and 2014

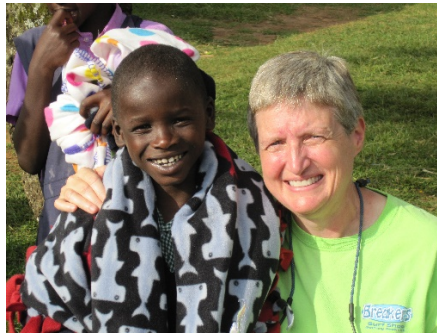
In July of 2009, 2011 and 2014, ecumenical Mission Teams, known as “Team Kenya”, engaged in missionary service in the Kitale/Kiminini area of western Kenya. These teams were sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and co-organized by Rev. Jon Greenstone (Elias Lutheran, Emmitsburg) and Dr. Holly Hoffman (St. Paul Lutheran, Carlisle).

In addition to providing an ecumenical witness to the local people, past teams provided Medical and Dental Clinics (with distribution of suitcases full of medical supplies and medications), Bible School for the children at Pathfinder and Khalwenge, and a solar-powered well pump and electrical system for Pathfinder Academy (the 400+ student school and orphanage at which we are based). They gave out New Testaments, solar flashlights, dresses, socks and mosquito nets to the children, provided “Helping Babies Breathe” training for local lay midwives, distribution of Hope Seeds (non-GMO seeds to sustain whole families) and provided 300+ eye exams & eyeglasses for children as well as continued the Glasses for Mission program.

From the very first trip, the organizers learned that Team Kenya’s ecumenical

witness would make a profound impression on our Kenyan hosts and that many people were helped tangibly and spiritually. In each instance, team members were able to use their unique individual gifts in all phases of the mission work and travel.

Kenyan hospitality is very kind and generous – the food is delicious and clean drinking water is always made available to us. Our Kenyan hosts were Wendy Gaya in Nairobi (an employee of Village Volunteers) and Joshua & Mama Sandra Machinga, the Director and his wife at Common Ground for Africa /Pathfinder Academy in Kiminini/Kitale. The students at Pathfinder Academy have won our hearts and affections as we worshiped, sang, played games and developed friendships with them, and shared the love and Word of God.



How do YOU fit in?

Members of both teams found the trip to be a spiritually rewarding experience. Several members of the original Teams have returned and brought family members and friends with them. Can you join us? If not, will you support our effort financially?

We always welcome new members with new gifts and ideas. Persons with skills in construction and electrical wiring, doctors, PA’s and nurses, sustainable farming or permaculture experts, teachers, pharmacists, students and anyone with a love for children and a heart for service can find a welcome spot on the team.

Visit our web page at:

<http://ecckenyamission.webstarts.com/index.html>

We are trying something new...we are going in June this time! The group is scheduled to depart on June 10, 2018 and return on June 27, 2018.



Financial Support is being sought to aid in sending representatives from the Emmitsburg Council of Churches to the *Common Ground Project/Pathfinder Academy*, located in Kiminini/Kitale, Kenya, Africa.

FUNDS NEEDED

- Travel Expenses for each member of the Team: \$ 4000 (team members are personally responsible for this amount)
- Medical and Dental Clinics on site and in regional villages: \$ 3000
- Bible School and agricultural Education: \$1500
- Fund a Science Lab at Lenana Girls School (girls high school at Pathfinder Academy): \$ 15,000



To learn more, contact:
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Travel, Lodging and Logistical Support is provided for the Team by:
Village Volunteers*

This non-profit, humanitarian group, based in Seattle, Washington, helps us with our travel itinerary and the coordination of food and transportation once we land in Kenya <http://www.villagevolunteers.org/index.php>

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