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Dear Prayer Partner,

Thank you for partnering with me as I journeyed to Kenya on a mission trip with Garments of Praise this month. Whether you gave financially or upheld our team in prayer, God used you to allow us to minister to and bless the people of Kenya.

As my journal can attest, I could write pages on the two short weeks we spent in Kangundo, but I will give you only the highlights here. Our team arrived in Kangundo, Kenya on Wednesday night, May 30th. Joseph, who is the Director of Operations for Garments of Praise in Africa, and Stephen, who is the head of the Shalom Learning Center, greeted us



and took us to the mission house. Throughout the two weeks we were in Kenya, we were able to see the many different ministries Garments of Praise supports and is involved in. I loved getting to know the Kenyan people especially those I interacted with daily. Maggie and Bondo cooked amazing meals for us every day. Kenny takes care of the grounds and does the shopping among other things. He and his wife Diana have the cutest little boy, Gideon. Rose takes care of the laundry and cooks lunch each day for the tailoring students. Stephen and Joseph did an amazing job of leading our team in our daily activities and taking care of us while we were there.



The Tailoring School—one of the first ministries that Garments of Praise started—is right up the street from the mission house. Two of our team members ministered primarily here and the rest of us visited periodically and see the girls. A group of women sewed over 400 hygiene kits which distribute to women and girls in received the pattern and were able separate project for their schooling.



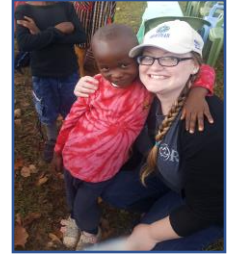
Two of our team throughout our time in Kenya as time allowed to encourage from a church in Virginia included cloth pads for us to Kenya. The tailoring students to sew their own kits as a

Another school we visited was the Muisuni Girls School. This school is for high school girls and the mission is to educate girls to the glory of God. While there is a tuition cost, many of the girls as well as the founder of the school walk by faith and trust God to provide. One of our team members, Peggy Hubbard, gave an educational seminar and we handed out almost 300 hygiene kits. We also handed these out to other teachers and students at Shalom Learning Center. The high school girls were so fun to talk to and encourage. Many of the ones that I connected with are in their senior year and making plans to attend the university in Nairobi to further their education.





My favorite part of this trip was being with the Shalom children. Along with other team members, we taught Bible stories, worshipped with music, and played games with the kids. We taught them some new songs and they taught us some songs in Swahili. On Wednesday we were able to have a field day at the site for the future Garments of Praise ministries. The land will include a mission house, Shalom school building as well as the tailoring school, and a dormitory for students. At the field day, we played games with the kids which included lots of running and provided lunch for them. I played soccer with the older students and ‘Drop the Handkerchief’ with the nursery kids. The kids were so thankful for their lunch and loved the popcorn treat they received. We were also able to bless the children of the neighbor who didn’t receive much food to eat.



At the Bridge of Hope Center, we were able to meet and speak with men and women. This outreach center provides a place for people who are struggling with addiction to alcohol, drugs, or other vices to come and speak and pray with someone. There are also several pastors who volunteer at the center. The center is also made available for community activities.

Several years ago, a soccer way to reach young people. While tournament and we had the Victory soccer team as well as the of our team members also spoke to the gospel. I had fun playing catch to watch the game.



team was started as another we were in Kenya, they held a opportunity to cheer on our other teams that played. One the whole group and presented with some little girls that came

Lastly, we attended an Ethiopian refugee church in Eastleigh which is a suburb of Nairobi and is predominantly a Muslim community. The church was very encouraged by our visit. We were able to eat an authentic Ethiopian meal—delicious but very spicy!

While we desired to go and minister to and bless the people of Kenya, I came away encouraged and blessed by their desire to love God and reach the world with the gospel of Christ. God is doing a work in Kenya and I am excited to see how He is going to continue to use Garments of Praise.

Please continue to uphold the ministry and people of Kenya in prayer. Please also pray with me as I desire to return to Kenya for another mission trip if it’s God’s will.

- Joseph and Stephen
- Mission House Staff
- Finalization of the sale of the land
- Bridge Center – John and pastors
- Shalom Learning Center
- Tailoring School
- Victory Soccer Team
- Eastleigh

Thank you again for your support of my trip to Kenya. I pray for God’s richest blessings on your life.

In Christ,
Edie Owens

