

AfricaHope Kenya



Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with much joy and pleasure that I get to share my heart with you through the ministries reflected in the pages of this booklet.

Not only does it reveal my heart, but also my life. This is my home area. My wife and I grew up in the district, and our children have too. I know first-hand the joys of this community as well as the struggles we have experienced.

Our area in Kenya has lagged behind in general development and advancement. The reasons are too complicated and nuanced to present here, but the simple reality is that many of those in the rural areas have not had the benefits of what is usually thought of as the most basic of services: clean water, schools

with teachers, adequate food supplies, opportunities to better oneself, and a chance to hear about the living God.

To be a part of the progressive, optimistic, multi-talented, and Christian staff of AfricaHope is surely a dream come true, and we are seeing great success after only a few years of operation! Surely our Lord is good, and I hold the hope of a bright future with confidence. It's primarily a confidence in Christ—a foundation that I know is solid. Thank you for your interest and partnership with AfricaHope.

His,

Tim (and Lorna) Mantai Kileteny
AfricaHope Director





The church in Kenya is growing stronger every day.



While a majority of Kenyans call themselves Christians, percentages are much lower in the Maasai people areas. The need for new churches and

growing churches is compelling. AfricaHope is involved in church growth through partnership with existing churches in leadership and theological training, evangelism and church plants, discipleship and missions. We have experienced the great warmth of fellowship through the pastor's fellowships, and have found a forum to address the struggles of many pastors through the pastors' forums.



Church Ministry

Women's Ministry



Maasai women have always been a strong backbone of this ancient culture. Today's additional challenges make their task even harder. AfricaHope staff come alongside these women with consistent mentoring and study groups. Not only have many experienced a deeper and passionate walk with Christ, but they have also found in AfricaHope a new venue to coordinate their efforts in impacting their communities in positive, practical ways.



Education Development

*Bringing Kenyan students
from a D to a B*



Schools in this rural community have not had a great track record in being able to supply quality education. It is a poor, remote area, even for Kenyan standards. The Kenyan school system is actually well organized and has a good curriculum, so with a little additional help from AfricaHope, schools in the district have shown great improvement in a short amount of time.

With increasing poverty levels, many students do not make it to secondary school and beyond because of the school fees. AfricaHope identifies such needy bright students and offers them the hope of an education through scholarship and mentoring.



School Partnerships

“ Hello, my name is Herbart Njapit, and I am a grade 7 student at Naroosura Primary School. Over the last two years since Africahope has been working with my school, my grades have improved so much, and I am enjoying my studies more. My favorite subject is English. I now average an “A” in all my studies, and I am only a few grade points away from getting a full scholarship to secondary school. Thank you for your help. ”



Africahope has developed a school partnership program. Many charitable groups have wonderful individual child sponsorship programs, but we have decided to focus instead on an entire school. With each school we partner with, we explore what it takes to improve the performance and standards of that school. This sometimes includes the provision of school supplies, improvement of facilities, hiring additional teachers, finding ways to motivate students, and discipleship. For the past four years, the results have been very encouraging. In some cases grade averages have honestly moved from a “D” to a “B”. Visits are welcome, and reports on how students in the school are progressing are sent periodically.

Food & Water Security

The Maasai people live in what is known as the savannah grassland. It is fertile land, but largely dry, especially with declining rainfalls and frequent drought cycles. These, along

with population growth, land demarcation, wildlife conflict and cultural practices of pastoral livelihoods, have predisposed this community to food and water insecurity.



AfricaHope has been at the forefront of assisting communities explore alternative livelihoods in farming, clean well water and spring protection, cereal banks, and proper animal husbandry. Restoring the environment through tree planting and agro-forestry is also our kingdom mandate, through schools, churches and farmers' groups.





meet Mama Laisa

Meet Mama Laisa. Until recently, she would walk about six hours a day to fetch the water for her family's needs—just as her mother had, and all the generations of mothers for as far back as she can remember. And the water was not that great. It was often shared the night before by elephants and other wild animals, and during the day by livestock. Because of this, water-born diseases have been the constant companion of the Maasai for years.

Through AfricaHope's partnership with the Kenyan government and a coalition of other organizations, Mama Laisa now carries water only a short distance to her home from a village well and pumping station. The water is crystal clear and sparkling clean. Twenty-one of these stations are in process of development right now.

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"For I was **HUNGRY** and you gave me something to eat. I was **THIRSTY** and you gave me something to drink. I tell you the truth, *whatever you did* for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

-Jesus



Many children are in trouble in today's Africa. Parents are gone, established support networks are few, and kids are homeless. A variety of programs to address this problem are currently being implemented by churches, organizations and even individuals. AfricaHope has pursued an approach that facilitates the place-

ment of kids in families within their community. There are still families willing to take these kids, but they simply need some assistance to be able to afford feeding another mouth or two, putting clothes on them, and paying the school fees that are required. This is where AfricaHope helps.

Orphans & Vulnerable Children



Biblical Foundation

Children need spiritual guidance and direction, and that's why we organize prayer circles and Bible study groups.



Discipleship

AfricaHope staff coordinate consistent mentors and case workers to keep track of the many kids in our system.



Caregiver Empowerment

Even the caregivers need caregiving, and so AfricaHope staff work hard to encourage them and supply the counsel they need to stick with what is often a very demanding and draining calling.



2.3 million

That's the estimated number
of orphans living in Kenya
in 2005, according to UNICEF.

Running periodic camps for orphans is a creative approach that AfricaHope developed to encourage and support these kids. The activities are fun but also include health screenings, lessons on disease prevention, and more!



Counseling

Because so many of these children have lost their parents, counseling services are important. These intentional conversations are deeper healing and hope for the future is to emerge.



Scholarships

Many kids in Kenya attend boarding schools, which are often better schools. They cost money, however, and so AfricaHope is active in providing scholarships to many deserving students.



Partnerships

Partnering with Kenyans who have a heart for orphan care is key to providing what is not available. We know that together we can do more.

Health Development

It is common to hear stories of people walking for days to reach the closest health clinic. Living in a rural area often means no access to even basic medical services. AfricaHope has partnered with a local Christian based clinic to facilitate periodic mobile clinics that reach deep into rural areas. It is a very popular program.





Basic understandings of health and hygiene make a big difference in anyone's life. AfricaHope's educational work has included facilitating a number of seminars and community discussions on basic health issues. We've covered the topics of HIV/AIDS, Tubercu-

losis, Malaria, Nutrition, Hygiene and First-aid. One seminar will not change a long held belief and pattern of action, but a consistent program actually can.

We present within a Christian framework and always with a transparent personal

faith in Christ. It is no accident that advances in health related issues around the globe have often been spearheaded by Christians. Jesus' own concern for physical healing inspires us to do likewise.

Since 2003, AfricaHope has built a large conference center, offices and a dorm-like sleeping facility. This complex was designed to meet the training needs for AfricaHope and wider regional needs as we share this resource. It has met that need. There is a consistent busy schedule of bookings by church groups, development agencies, mission groups and even government agencies. Those who use the facility find themselves in a little oasis of clean and well-kept buildings lost in acres of beautifully landscaped grounds. It is the type of environment that westerners have often sought out to take away the distractions of the world, if only for a short period, that the voice of our Lord might be heard more clearly. Now, Kenyans are benefiting from this same kind of environment for their leadership and planning meetings.



Mission projects have always struggled to find ways to pay for themselves. The model of always relying on funds from outside the country is one that everyone knows cannot keep a project going forever. AfricaHope is trying hard to design their programs to rely on less and less money from outside of Kenya. The Hope Center seeks to be a part of the solution through charging modest fees for conferences.



AfricaHope Center & Dorms



How can you join us?



pray

Joining us in prayer for AfricaHope Kenya is one of the ways you can stay connected to this ministry from wherever you are.



send

Supporting an AfricaHope Kenya missionary or the program itself is one way you can help send those who are called by God to this ministry.



go

Short and long-term opportunities are available at AfricaHope Kenya. If there is anything in here that has peaked your interest, we invite you to contact us.

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for more information about

these ways to plug into

AfricaHope. Visit us on the

web at www.africahope.org.



who we are

AfricaHope Kenya is a ministry of New Mission Systems International. We are committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and changing lives through truth and hope. We do this by working with churches and people to address the needs in their communities. We believe that there is a Christian response to problems in all areas of life. We seek to empower people to act out those responses in their lives.

Our staff is constantly growing, and so our programs are in a continual process of growth and change. We are very excited about all of the things God is doing through our work here. Most of all, we have seen that Christ brings hope—the hope of a mother who finds out she is HIV negative, the hope of an orphan who finds love in an unexpected place, the hope of a man who has found forgiveness at the foot of the cross. This is a hope that transforms lives and communities. *This is AfricaHope.*

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