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Kenya 2018 Missions Trip Report



Very happy locals

The Team

Some of the LNI Leaders

Jambo! Habari! Hello, how are you? Greetings in the powerful name of Jesus. It's great to be able to update you on the recent trip to Kenya by myself and two others, Andrew Simkin from New Zealand (making his first trip to Africa) and Rachel Habgood (JCM African Projects Manager) who was making her third trip to Kenya. Firstly, I want to say a big 'Asante Sana' - Thank you so much - to all who partnered with us financially and alsoto all who prayed regularly for us. We are so grateful for your support which not only helped us achieve our budget but also enabled us to see Father powerfully impact many lives.

Our journey took us by plane to Johannesburg, South Africa then to Nairobi, Kenya with a fourth short flight to Kisumu in Western Kenya. After a relatively quick drive of 75 minutes we finally arrived at our accommodation in Bungoma. The first night was spent adjusting to the time zone and our new surroundings.

I can only give you a small 'snapshot' of our trip in this report as the whole visit was powerful and varied. The purpose of our trip was to bless local churches and leaders, meet with leaders from Leaders Network, run a two day Conference and visit several of our JCM Justice Projects. During our time in Kenya we ministered to the LNI leaders, in a Leaders Conference, in churches, at a women's seminar, to married couples and to young people.

At all the meetings, and conference sessions, people were impacted by the ministry of the Word which was always followed by a powerful flow of Holy Spirit. People were healed and set free from various issues. Testimonies were received from people instantly healed from pain in their bodies, infections and various bodily ailments. Many were healed from fear and anxiety, sometimes with powerful manifestations, but our God has **ALL** power and authority.

A major part of our time was spent encouraging pastors and leaders who faithfully serve in very challenging circumstances and situations. It is a blessing to have many leaders in Kenya in our LNI family, which now operates in 19 countries. Leaders from Uganda also joined us for the Conference and it was humbling to hear their testimonies. They have often walked very difficult journeys in serving the Lord but they remain cheerful, faith filled and resolute.

We had the joy of visiting some of the Social Justice Projects funded by JCM in Kenya. We work closely with key leaders who oversee our **Micro Finance Projects**, training and serving those who are beneficiaries of our programmes. We operate through Co-operatives, i.e. groups of people, and JCM is privileged to have helped between 400 - 500 people start their own businesses. Some raise chickens, some are seamstresses, some have roadside stalls, others raise cows. There are a variety of activities which these creative and innovativeKenyans carry out in order to become self-sufficient, plus bless the wider communities.



LNI leaders enjoying lunch On our way to a Project One of our Micro Finance Groups

Whilstin Kenya we were also able to specifically bless people who benefit from our **Gifts for Change** programme, where we purchase goats, cows, bicycles, seeds, medicines, maize and other items to bless individuals. It was very overwhelming on the final Sunday of the visit for me tohear twelve widows thank Father God, and JCM, for helping them to build homes, and receive resources which has given them a positive future.

As I always say after such trips, I left Kenya once again feeling I had received more than I can ever give. What a privilege to serve, and help in practical and spiritual ways, so many wonderful people who are examples of rejoicing in all circumstances, living lives fully committed to pleasing God and seeking to advance His Kingdom house by house, village by village, community by community.

Thank you again to all who contributed in any way to this trip. Your support has literally helped hundreds of people to be blessed and encouraged. Thank **YOU** Father God for your endless goodness and faithfulness.

Blessings,

John Cairns, for the 2018 Team



Local church building



Ready to travel



Giving goats to happy recipients