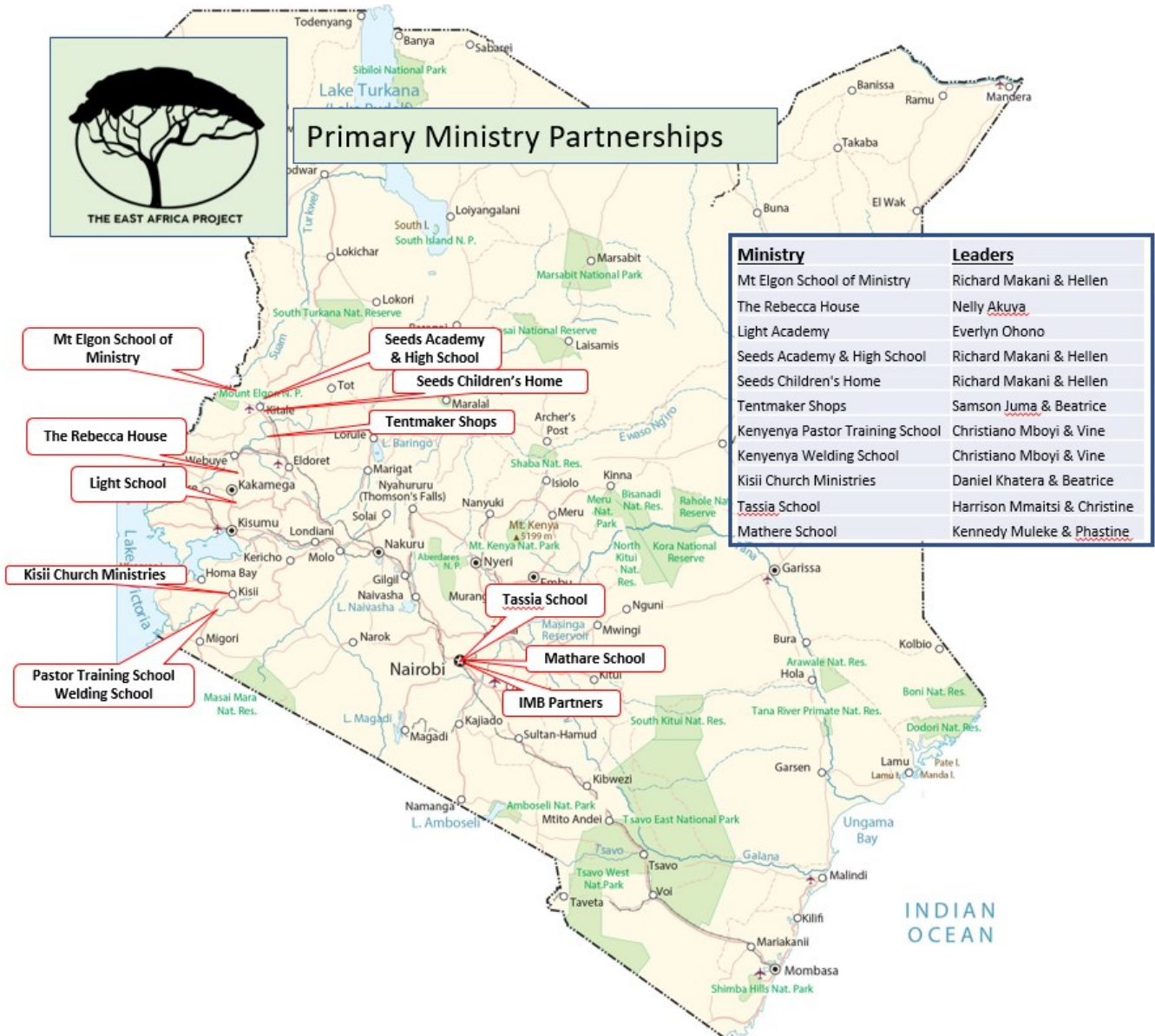


The East Africa Project Newsletter

Progress Report - April 2023

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Phil 3:12-14



How many ways can you get home from Kenya? At least eight!

“We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.”

Last month we were blessed to take our largest mission team ever to Kenya. While the logistics were challenging, the ministry opportunities were worth it all. In just over a week, we spoke in 8 churches, visited 7 schools, and celebrated graduations from a pastor training school and a widows financial, vocational and discipleship program. We taught several men’s and women’s discipleship conferences. People were saved, hearts were encouraged, friendships made and rekindled. A cornerstone was laid at the new teaching and catering kitchen at The Rebecca House. This team of 28 was absolutely incredible to watch in action!



Over the next few pages you will see updates from our various partners in Kenya.



Because of our team size we were able to divide into two different teams, one headed north to Kitale and one headed south to Kisii/Kenya. That allowed us to visit all our partner sites! We’ve brought everyone together before, but this is the first time we’ve been able to visit each site in person on one trip. The logistics are just too difficult for one team to accomplish.

We began our week by dividing our teams and visiting two different schools in Nairobi slums. The ‘Miracle in Mathare’ is a school built in one of the tougher slums in Kenya. The Tassia school is in a slightly better neighborhood. Neither school is particularly well funded, but there is a lot of love and a lot of God being shared!

The north team was led by my daughter Katie and was able to speak in 3 churches in Kitale and one in Turbo. They ministered to the children at Seeds Academy, Seeds High School, and Seeds Children’s Home. They conducted a men’s/women’s conference in Kitale on Sunday and the next day at the Mt. Elgon School of Ministry. During the session on Mt. Elgon they also had a simultaneous one-day VBS at the Care Point just outside the school of Ministry.



The south team was led by Susan and me and we had the privilege of attending the graduation of students from the Kenya Pastor Training School. Pastor Christiano is doing a great job training young people for the ministry.

We also spoke in four churches and conducted a men's/women's conference at Pastor Daniel's church in Kisii. Then before we left we got to share the gospel and interact with children from a government run school in Kenya and a smaller privately run school in Kisii.

Perhaps the highlight of the week was when both teams converged together at The Rebecca House, a new meeting and training center for widows situated in the village of Munduma, about 45 minutes outside the town of Kakamega. The ladies have been learning basic business and vocational skills and attending daily discipleship classes. We participated in the very first graduation! Six ladies graduated in tailoring and were presented with a treadle sewing machine, a bolt of fabric and spools of thread! 12 other ladies graduated and were presented with a dozen chicks to help them start raising chickens for eggs and for the market. Several of our team members were also able to spend the day at Light school in Kakamega, the very first school we ever visited in Kenya.



God had some amazing things to show us during this week in Kenya. Of course, the enemy doesn't like that and did his best to steal our joy on our journey back. Because of airline delays and crowded airports, flight connections were missed. Ultimately, we took *eight different routes* to get home! But everyone made it home safe and sound and all our bags made it back as well.

We are starting to sketch out what our next few trips will be and we'd love to have you join us! If you are interested in joining us please email me at: jeff.moser@theeastafriaproject.com.

It's not a vacation and it's not for the faint of heart, but if you're willing to open your eyes and ears to God and join us on one of our trips, He'll show you some amazing things and He might just rock your world!



One of our partners is 'Love Packages', a ministry out of Butler, Illinois founded by Steve Schmidt. They have shipped two full containers of Bibles and study materials to our friends in Kenya. We are working with Steve now to ship 42 donated desktop computers from John Brown University, 5 pallets of fabric, thread and other materials from Superior Group of Companies in Eudora, AR, and 10,000 Swahili New Testaments donated by Bellevue's Bibles for China Thrift Shop! Pray for provision for customs duties and for successful receipt and delivery of all the items. God always meets the need!

The Mathare School in Nairobi

The Mathare slums in Nairobi house a population of between 500,000 and 800,000 people. Residents lack access to basic necessities such as water, electricity, roads, and waste disposal. Unemployment is common, with the result that most families struggle to meet their basic needs. Pastor Kennedy Muleke and his wife Phastine moved here over 15 years ago to found a school to teach children and share the Gospel. On our first visit to this school in 2009 we had to step around an open sewer to reach tin shack classrooms.

Today, the 'miracle in Mathere' is a FOUR STORY school standing high above the slums. Several hundred students attend daily free of charge and are also fed two meals a day. Pray for them as the complete construction of a new kitchen and storage facility. God is at work in this place!



These two pictures were taken in 2009 on our first trip to Kenya. God is doing amazing things through Kennedy and Phastine's ministry in the slums.



“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. “



The Tassia School

Located in the Tassia district of Nairobi, Pastor Harrison's wife Christine has founded a school designed to meet the needs of local families. This district is barely one step above a slum and under-employment is a big issue, especially for mothers with young children. The Tassia school provides education and a meal for just over 200 primary age school children, which allows the mothers more freedom to find gainful employment. It is located in an alley across from their church and consists of several 'iron sheet' classrooms. The 'kitchen' is a small room with three rocks in the corner under which a cooking fire is lit. This is one of the most underfunded schools in our network. Pray that God will provide what is need to educate and feed the children of the Tassia district!



The Rebecca House



As many of you know, we lost a giant in the ministry on New Year's Day. Rebecca Khasoa was a spark that set dozens of hearts ablaze! Oh how I wish she could have been there on March 16 to see the first group of 'her ladies' graduate from the year-long vocational training program at The Rebecca House. In the village of Munduma. These ladies gather daily

to learn skills like tailoring and beading (making beaded purses and bags), learn financial literacy and basic business principles, learn about the Village Savings and Loan program (aka Table Banking) and, most importantly, learn the Word of God. Soon they will begin taking cooking lessons and will learn the basics of event catering. Between sewing and catering, The Rebecca House is on track to become a self-sustaining, self-governing enterprise.

The most amazing thing I learned during our visit to Munduma is that these ladies were not content to just learn skills and Table Banking for themselves. No! They have gone out in the community now and trained and help found 15 new Table Banking groups reaching a total of 242 women in the community! These groups consist of 12-15 ladies who meet weekly. They agree on an amount of money to deposit into their 'community bank' each week. They elect a President, Secretary and a Treasurer for each group. Each of the three is given a padlock and key. Each week when the group meets, all three officers must be present with their keys to unlock their lock from the group's lockbox. This lockbox is where each group's 'community bank' deposits are kept. Members can apply for loans for small business purchases or emergencies. This access to community credit allows the members to make larger purchases than they could before. Over time, all the members of the group participate and gradually move on to financial self-dependence.



Since we laid the cornerstone of the teaching and catering kitchen in March, the walls and roof have been completed. The building should be completed by the end of April. Now we need to outfit it with stoves, ovens, cookpots, and all the kitchen tools required to make this a successful venture. Please pray for God's provision for these things and for direction in 'electrifying' the property. Kenya Power is available, but unreliable. So, we are investigating some hybrid solar solutions to ensure consistent power is always available.

In progress & Upcoming Projects

Kuenea Christian Technical School



As mentioned earlier, under-employment is a real problem for many of Pastor Harrison's church members. We have been able to send several of them through the SOMO small business training, but lack of basic technical skills are hindering others. Pastor Harrison has a site in Tassia ready for use and he'd like to start a Vocational-Technical training program there. The initial programs will include Welding, Carpentry, Tailoring, Baking/Catering, Landscaping and Counseling. Classes will be taught by local craftsmen. We are working on a business plan and a proposal, but I expect the startup costs to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. However, this school will provide training for hundreds of students over the next few years.

Rebecca House Catering Kitchen

Now that the main kitchen building is complete, we need to purchase all the stoves, ovens, pots, pans and other appliances and utensils needed to make this a fully functioning kitchen. We are in the process of pricing everything now, but we estimate the cost to be around \$10,000 to purchase everything.

We have also completed a solar survey and are having estimates done for a hybrid solar energy system to 'electrify' the compound. Kenya Power is available but unreliable. A good solar system will provide renewable energy with little need for purchased power. This system is being priced but we expect it to also run around \$10K



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Recent Project Investments

Here are some of the recent ‘smaller’ investments in our partners made possible by your generous donations the last few months:

- Pastor Samson—Chain saw to harvest timber planted 10 years ago and a wood milling machine to process the lumber
- Rebecca House—A bolt of fabric and spools of thread for 6 tailoring program graduates
- Rebecca House—one dozen baby chicks each for the 12 other training program grads
- Christine (Pastor Harrison’s wife) - 10 milk goats to provide add’l income for the school
- Pastor Christiano—startup capital for an mPesa kiosk (Kenya’s mobile phone-based money transfer, mobile payment and micro-financing service)
- Seeds Children’s Home—A large ‘clothing bundle’ (new outfits for the children)
- Light School—school fees.
- Seeds High School—new Avocado project
- Seeds H.S.—Spring outing for the teachers

2023 Investment Opportunities

Rather than list all the *projects* you can invest in, I thought you might like to see the *people* that you can invest in! This ministry rides on the wings of your prayers and the partnership investments you make. God will provide for the needs. Are you perhaps His vessel of provision?



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