

September, 2016 Caring for Kenya

During our July, 2016 mission trip we were able to visit preachers and congregations. We visited sponsored students at schools and worked on water projects and the Caring for Kenya Mission Center. Our team was able to attend health care training sessions that are a part of the global grant water project that will bring clean water to Nzawa, Masaani, and Kithumula communities. We discussed plans for the **July 17- Aug. 2, 2017 mission trip**. Possible focal points for the trip include evangelizing with congregations in each Caring for Kenya community, church leaders meetings, visiting sponsored students, completing the Mission Center, and completing the water projects.

Currently American families are sponsoring the education of 45 students in Kenya. In 2017 we hope to provide World Bible School (WBS) lessons to each sponsored student with the expectation that the set of WBS lessons be completed during the sponsorship year. During the trip we hope to identify a team from each congregation that would be trained with WBS lessons. They would serve as WBS teachers and lesson graders for their area. The goal would be to use the lessons with both members of the congregation and as an outreach to others. During community evangelism meetings we would attempt to set up Bible studies and provide the first WBS lesson. Ideally that first lesson would be completed and graded during the visit to Kenya.

We are also encouraging some handyman carpenter type individuals, to be part of the trip with the idea that they would be working to complete the Mission Center. They will be painting, building bunk beds, and building wardrobes for the bedrooms. Early in the trip some people may be sleeping on a mattress on the floor until the beds were assembled.

In our discussion with the Kenya church leaders the following four point plan to evangelize and grow the churches has been developed:

- **First**, returning to a united effort with a group of preachers evangelizing one area at a time. We were told that the group evangelistic effort has been very successful in the past.
- **Secondly**, Erastus Kavuti will assume a role visiting preachers and congregations providing instruction, training, and encouragement as needed.
- **Thirdly**, we will be conducting preacher retreats with topics of the Kenyan preachers choosing. We will seek experienced preachers to conduct the retreats. We already have some preachers who have expressed an interest. We discussed a program connected with a Christian university or preacher training school that would result in credit and/or a certificate will each class.
- **Fourthly**, we plan a major part of the 2017 trip to be an evangelist effort like we did in 2005 and 2014. It would be a time of faith building for church members and an opportunity to preach the Gospel to the communities.

If you are interested in being a part of the 2017 Mission team contact us. If you would like more information we encourage your questions. Contact Caring for Kenya Director, Carl Burkybile at cwburkybile@gmail.com or by phone or text at 217-898-0425.