



Wrapping the World with



Threads of Hope

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2011 HOPE FOR THE HURTING FOLLOW UP



It seems like every mission trip we take to **Kenya** has so many events we could write a book for all that has taken place on this trip. Our recent trip in August (8/16/11 – 8/31/11) we could write two books! Of course the challenge is to put it all down on one page but that would just be the outline. Our focus was to fulfill our agenda. We knew we were going into a mighty spiritual battle and saw the Devil was wreaking havoc among our missionary colleagues and African leaders. We know God always wins and this battle will be won as well, but there are many wounded or led astray by the enemy. There are many others struggling against the enemy as well. Our challenge at times was to bring a warning to the church, like Paul did when he preached about division in the church. This was probably the toughest part of our trip which is occurring in three villages we have been ministering in for 15 years now. Personally for me to see this happening breaks my heart, and I can only imagine how it must break the heart of Jesus! Our African Pastors who are affected by what Satan is trying to destroy are grateful for our prayers, support and encouragement. We met on many fronts to offer prayers and Biblical based ways to overcome each situation. We cannot be specific as to individuals or organizations involved as we will not be judgmental. Anyway; *they*, are not the enemy. The real enemy is Satan, using them or those that are blinded by the darkness. We come in trusting that God's light (His Word) will battle these situations and bring **hope for the hurting**.

The other stops were far more joyful. We heard testimonies of the women and children who are receiving sewing machines and training. They are praising God for these gifts.

Gail led a *Post Abortion Facilitator Training* for 15 women, who will be ministering to women who will be forgiven and set free. This ministry seemed to blossom on this trip. It was the nurturing kind of ministry that smoothed over the rough ground we were facing elsewhere. She ministered at the *Nairobi Youth for Christ Pregnancy Center* while I went to the Children's home in Keserian to check on our sewing machine inventory, meet with the staff and loaded machines and fabric for the remainder of the trip. I am so excited to see Gail's ministry with these women in action and how this training is making a major impact. Thanks to **New Life Solutions** for donating the manuals and materials that were provided for us to bring them and, of course, for their prayers and support.





Gayle Luper who joined us on this trip, was a joy to have along. The children were drawn to her everywhere we went. She was also a blessing to keep our travel expense records for us. Her experience and knowledge was helpful during the entire trip. Her background with children's ministry and Pregnancy Center issues and abortion was well received, probably a life changing trip for her.

Others places we ministered were as follows:

1. Cana Girls Rescue Home - East Pokot We brought them more sewing machines and a motorcycle mechanic to fix the new 3 wheel motorbike we recently purchased for them.
2. Molly Bail SOHK Sewing Center – Nakuru Prayed on property where the new Sewing Center will be built overlooking Lake Nakuru. This will help support the Childrens home they built. They are **ful designer bags, clothing and beads, sales are good!**
3. Maasiland P... - Ngoswani, Met with Maasai upcoming projects.
4. Naikarra – B... Asailand As we are on Jans' board we checked out and orphanage and met with local Maasai Pastors



As I reflect on the whole trip I feel thankful in a deeper way that we made it through all the challenges. It is **The power of the Holy Spirit no doubt that brought us through.** It was a miracle I did not break something as I had a bad fall the 5th day, falling out of an elevated porcelain tub. I reached for the shower head and intended to kneel to shower knowing wet porcelain is very slippery. I turned on the water before kneeling – **BIG** mistake! My feet flew straight up; I landed on my left side on the tub edge, then on to the concrete floor knocking the hide off my left elbow taking the full force of the fall. After catching my breath I thought, how stupid. I will miss the rest of the trip laid up. I suppose the story might be more exciting if I was running from a lion. I was very sore for the rest of the trip especially on the rough roads and trails. With that, a boil on my back, very upset stomach & diarrhea and injured big toe, the Lord enabled me to press on without breaking stride. We are so grateful to have finished what we set out to do.

In bringing **Hope, (God's Word)** there is relief. I trust it is that way for the sender as well.

“Together we are Wrapping the World With Threads of Hope”

Sowing with His Word

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To God be the Glory

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy spirit"