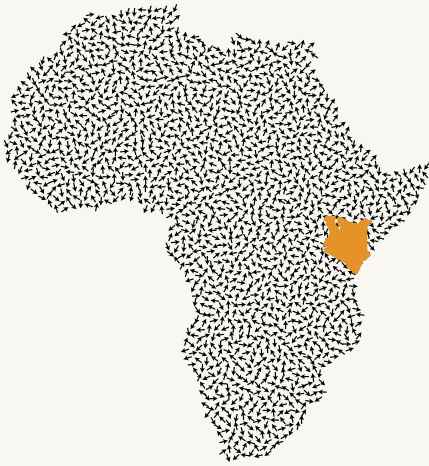


JUNE 24 - JULY 9

# PRAY WITH US

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP



ELDORET, KENYA



Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus' final words to his disciples empowered his followers to go into all the world with his message and under his authority. It has been the command to every generation since to continue to go with the Good News of Jesus.

David Livingstone, an early missionary to Africa, who endured hardships, struggles and victories, said of his calling, "If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?"



First Baptist Church Peachtree City and Glory Baptist Church, Eldoret Kenya, formed a partnership in 2024 to strengthen and encourage one another. This is our third year working with Pastor Martin and the church. Our focus remains the same as we come together to help where needed, encourage, and minister together to reach the community.

Kenyan Baptists are part of the growing global Christian community, as Sub-Saharan Africa is home to roughly 999 million people across 46 countries and home to 2,592 different people groups. The United Nations' projections indicate that the Sub-Saharan African population will nearly double by 2050 and triple by the end of the century. Sub-Saharan Africa could represent over one-third of the world's population by 2100.

The emerging task to make known the name of Jesus is critical. Partnering with Glory Baptist Church and the International Mission Board allows FBCPTC to be part of this growing vibrant African church.

## DAY 1 OUR JOURNEY BEGINS

"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth." Jeremiah 1:6-9 NIV



The mission trip is in partnership with The International Mission Board, SBC, Sub-Saharan Africa Affinity, and Glory Baptist Church in Eldoret. God has put together a great team. Each team member brings a deep love for the Lord and abilities that will impact others. Seven of the 13 team members have previously served at Glory Baptist Church.

Our team this year includes:

- Lynn and Connie Burton
- Jeff and Cindy Clough
- Doug and Linda Jones
- Steve, Jan, Carmen, Mary and Hope Rubado
- Tank Smith and Equilla Minga

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for safety as we travel. We will fly on Lufthansa to Frankfurt then to Nairobi. Please also pray that all flights will be on schedule.
- Pray that joy would replace any anxiousness with peace.
- God of rescue and restoration, thank you for your great and beautiful mission in the world. Here we are, Lord, fill us with your Spirit and send us. Let us be like cold water to dry and thirsty souls.

“TEAMWORK WITHOUT COORDINATION  
BRINGS CONFUSION”  
ZAMBIAN PROVERB

## DAY 2 HAMPTON HOUSE



"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Proverbs 25:25

HAMPTON  
house

There is nothing like the feeling you have when your plane touches down in a distant land, especially after nearly 24 hours of travel. Even though everyone on the team has traveled to different countries, traveling to a place where you will be engaged in mission work creates an overwhelming sense of awe. It is a totally different feeling than traveling as a tourist.

We are staying overnight at Hampton House, a missionary guest house in Nairobi's Westlands area. Established in the 1980s by the International Mission Board, it has offered a comfortable, safe retreat to thousands of missionaries and ministry workers.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that we will find favor with the customs people at the airport as we pick up our suitcases and supplies.
- Pray that everyone can get a good night's rest after a long travel period.
- Pray that bodies and minds can relax and refresh in the goodness of God.
- Pray for our families that all will have a great sense of peace as their loved ones are far away.

“WHEN THE DRUMBEAT CHANGES THE  
DANCERS MUST ADAPT”  
BURKINA FASO PROVERB

## DAY 3 MAASAI MARA



“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.”

Genesis 1:1,25 NIV

This year, we moved our safari to start our mission in Eldoret. We look forward to being together as a team as we prepare our hearts and minds for the week ahead.

We leave Hampton House early to begin the five-hour drive to the Maasai Mara through the spectacular Rift Valley. The Great Rift Valley is a remarkable geological feature that stretches approximately 4,000 miles through the heart of Africa. The Rift begins in the Middle East, near Jordan, and cuts through Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and other countries before ending in Mozambique. It contains some of Africa's largest and deepest lakes, such as Lake Tanganyika and Lake Malawi, as well as active volcanoes, and supports a diverse ecosystem.

Prayer Focus:

- We never take safe travel for granted, especially on the road. Pray for safety as we make our way down the escarpment to the valley and for time to enjoy the breathtaking view of the Rift Valley.
- We are hosted by Joseph Ole Mpoie, who will be our guide. Joseph is a strong follower of Jesus and started his company on faith. He and his wife, Rose, have four children - Laban-17, Sanaipei-14, Soyian-8, and Resian-20 months old. Joseph asked that we pray for his family, that they stay strong in their faith and believe in God despite the world's challenges and war right now.
- Pray for Leyian, our other driver who will be with us.

“HE WHO GOES IN FRONT KNOWS THE WAY.”  
UGANDAN PROVERB

## DAY 4 MAASAI MARA



"The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world." Psalm 19:1-4a NLT

This will be our first full day at the Mara. Psalm 19 reminds us that God makes himself known in nature. Nature is like an open book, revealing God's amazing creation to all. We get to see, touch, feel, smell, experience, and recognize God's power and glory.

Kenya's Maasai Mara is one of the world's most prolific wildlife areas, telling a different story every day. The Maasai Mara National Reserve is a preserved savannah wilderness in southwestern Kenya, along the Tanzanian border. Established in 1961, it is home to a vast array of animals, including the Big Five. The Mara and Talek Rivers cross the reserve, which features grassy plains and rolling hills.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for this amazing piece of God's creation and the treasure of wildlife that finds its home there.
- Pray for the guards as they work hard to protect animals from poachers and to keep visitors safe.
- Pray that we would have eyes to see the wildlife, and hearts to worship as we drive through God's creation.
- Pray that we would be encouragers to the staff and others we encounter.

**"DO NOT LOOK FOR OTHER KEYS WHEN YOU HAVE THE MASTER KEY."**

**A KAMBA PROVERB FROM KENYA REMINDING US TO LISTEN TO WHAT GOD SAYS THROUGH HIS CREATION AND HIS WORD.**

DAY 5  
MAASAI CHURCH



“All who seek the LORD will praise him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy. The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him. All the families of the nations will bow down before him.” Psalm 22:26b-27 NLT

This will be the first opportunity to worship in a Maasai church for most of the team. The Maasai are one of the larger ethnic groups in Kenya, numbering close to 1.2 million. They are an Eastern Nilotic ethnic group living in Kenya and Tanzania. Their native language is Maa, and traditionally, the Maasai are semi-nomadic pastoralists known for cattle herding. They have retained many of their traditions, lifestyle, and lore.

The Maasai practice a monotheistic faith centered on Enkai, their supreme deity. The gospel has made slow progress among the Maasai, with adherence ranging from 30% to 70% by region. Maasai worship is vibrant and expressive, with singing and dancing central to the service. Baptist work has been particularly strong in Narok County, where we will be worshipping today.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that we will be encouraged, as well as be encouragers, as we worship in a very different style and expression.
- Pray for us as we bring greetings and share testimonies.
- Pray for the church as it ministers to its community and shares the gospel. They are nearing completion of their building and are asking that we pray with them that it can be finished soon.

“EVEN IN OLD AGE THE LION LIVES  
WITH POWER AND WITH STRENGTH.”  
GAMBIAN PROVERB

**DAY 6**  
**NAIROBI & HAMPTON HOUSE**



“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

Amen.” Romans 11:33–36

We leave the Mara and drive back to Nairobi for the night. We will spend the night at Hampton House before heading to Eldoret tomorrow. Our hearts are full after experiencing the Mara's beauty and worshipping with the Maasai.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for safety as we travel out of the Rift Valley to Nairobi. The road is a heavily traveled two-lane road with heavy truck traffic. Pray for our drivers, Joseph and Leyian, as they maneuver through traffic and then return home.
- Pray with us as we gather at Hampton House for a time of group prayer, that our hearts will be prepared for the work.
- Pray everyone has a good night's rest.

“THE CLEVERNESS OF ONE  
ALONE IS A SHALLOW WELL  
THAT SOON DRIES UP.”  
UGANDAN PROVERB

## DAY 7 ELDORET



"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us." I Samuel 7:12 NIV

We travel to Eldoret today to join Pastor Martin Shikuku, Anne Shikuku, and the members of Glory Baptist Church. Our week at Glory will focus on outreach ministries to encourage, disciple, strengthen and share the Good News of Jesus with others. We will conduct a VBS-style outreach for children, a marriage conference, community outreach, a prayer walk and discipleship training.

Pastor Martin attended Kenya Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated with a Diploma in Theology and Education. He has an honorary Doctorate in Leadership. This year marks Glory Baptist Church's 30th anniversary. Pastor Martin moved to Eldoret after seminary and, at age 24, planted the church on November 3, 1996. He met Anne there, and they married on August 22, 1998. They have four children: Lydia, Shalom, Becky and Josiah. Glory Baptist Church has been a steadfast beacon of proclamation, peace, and refuge amid several periods of political volatility. Pastor Martin has been a faithful preacher of the Word. Over the years, the church has established a fully accredited K-8 school, a Pastor/Lay Bible School, and active women's, students', children's and men's ministries. The church's theme for 2026 is God's Goodness and Faithfulness based upon I Samuel 7:12.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for safety as we fly to Eldoret today and for preparations for ministry tomorrow.
- Pray for receptive hearts as we partner with Glory Baptist Church to share the gospel.
- Thank God for allowing FBCPTC to partner with a strong, gospel-centered church, and that both churches will grow spiritually from this partnership.

“TO PROTECT AN INDIVIDUAL IS  
TO PROTECT SOCIETY.”  
ZAMBIAN PROVERB

## DAY 8 ELDORET



“For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?

And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Romans 10:12–15 NIV

Eldoret is in western Kenya and is the capital of Uasin Gishu County. It is the fifth most populous urban area in the country, after Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru and Ruiru. According to the 2019 census, its population is 475,716. The name Eldoret derives from the Maasai word “eldore,” meaning “stony river.” The town has a subtropical highland climate and sits over 6,600 feet above sea level, with a moderate to cool climate.

The city is surrounded by prime agricultural land and is home to several major Kenyan companies. Runners from the Eldoret area have gained international fame and have significantly contributed to the local economy, primarily by investing their race winnings from around the world into small businesses and real estate. The city is known as "The City of Champions."

Today marks our first full day of community engagement through evangelism, prayer walking, and discipleship. We think about those who don't yet know Jesus and ask for specific opportunities to share the hope and love of Jesus with our contacts.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for a gospel impact on the growing community around the church. We pray that the Holy Spirit would awaken a thirst in those we encounter today.
- Pray for members of the church who will be going out with us today and that we can encourage them, even as they encourage us.
- Pray that we will be alert to every opportunity that God brings to us today.
- Pray for God to strengthen the believers at GBC so that they will stand strong in their faith.

**"WITH A LITTLE SEED OF IMAGINATION,  
YOU CAN GROW A FIELD FULL OF HOPE."  
NIGERIAN PROVERB**

## DAY 9 ELDORET



“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth’s foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.” Psalm 24:1–2,7 NLT

God’s fingerprints are everywhere in the world, and we are excited to be part of His world in Eldoret. We begin our second day of evangelism outreach in the community. We think about those who don’t yet know Jesus. We ask for specific opportunities today to share Jesus’ hope with them.

The community has seen a large increase in the Somali population that has moved to Kenya from Somalia. They bring their religion and traditions, making them a very difficult group to reach. The Somali people are an ethnic group native to the Horn of Africa; the majority are Muslims, and Islam plays a central role in their daily life and traditions. The Somali people have a strong cultural identity rooted in clan and family ties. However, civil conflict and political instability have shaped their identity since the early 1990s and created significant challenges in the region.

Somalia is often described as a “Nation of Poets,” with a rich tradition of storytelling, poetry, and music. Could this be an ancient door God can use? “Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.” Luke 24:45

#### Prayer Focus

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would awaken a thirst for God’s truth and for the Scriptures.
- Pray for a gospel impact on this growing community of Somalis.
- Pray that music and storytelling would open doors for the gospel to be shared.
- As we prayer-walk this area, let our prayers be seeds of the gospel that will someday bear a harvest.

““TO AGREE TO HAVE DIALOGUE IS THE  
BEGINNING OF A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.”  
“WISDOM DOES NOT COME OVERNIGHT.”  
SOMALI PROVERBS

## DAY 10 ELDORET VBS



“Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:13-14 NIV

Jesus took the spiritual care of little children seriously, rebuking adults for even thinking about hindering them from coming to him. Today we focus on the children at Mane Glorious School. We expect 200 children from pre-K through grade 9.

The theme is "Everyone Can Shine." We want the children to understand and live out Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

This is the generation that will shape Africa's future. Roughly 40-50% of Africa's population is under age 15, and the median age is under 20, making it the youngest region in the world. It is estimated that 39-42% of Kenya's population is under age 15 and over 60% is under age 25, making Kenya a very youthful country. Challenges are significant, as 1 in 3 children live below the national poverty line. Around 1 in 5 children nationwide experience stunted growth due to chronic malnutrition. Despite this, you will find children who are joyful, eager to learn and engaging. Can you imagine the impact if these young children come to salvation? They will be the nation's future leaders. Activities for the day include Bible stories with Tank and Equila, missions with Lynn, crafts with Linda, recreation with Hope and Jeff, music and drama with Carmen and Mary, character with Doug and pre-school with Cindy and Connie.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that the children will be encouraged and grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for these future leaders who will someday become the pastors, teachers, government leaders, farmers, mothers and fathers.
- Pray for the marriage conference beginning this afternoon and that the couples coming will be open and ready to learn. More about that tomorrow.

"WITH A LITTLE SEED OF IMAGINATION YOU CAN  
GROW A FIELD FULL OF HOPE."  
NIGERIAN PROVERB

## DAY 11 ELDORET



“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Matthew 19: 4-6 NIV

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to you as you celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary. For us, today will be a busy day as we continue the marriage conference that began at 3:00 PM yesterday. We are expecting 50 couples at this first marriage conference at the church.

Steve and Jan Rubado will facilitate the marriage conference, with others leading small breakout groups. The conference theme is The Heart of Marriage.

Friday evening began with an icebreaker and interactive group conversations. The first session asked participants to answer the questions, “Whose am I?” and “Who am I?” During the session, the gospel was presented as the answer to these questions, which will be foundational to the rest of the marriage retreat. The second session last night addressed the heart of each spouse. The participants examined their hearts to see whether they are ‘exalting God only’ or ‘edging God out.’ When they exalt God only, their hearts are right. This means loving God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength, which results in loving and serving their spouse as they are called to do.

Today begins with discussions and practice of habits that keep their hearts connected to God and one another. Habits will include prayer, knowing and applying scripture, accountability and abiding in God’s unconditional love. Other sessions will address healthy communication and conflict resolution. Experiential learning activities will bring fun and laughter to these sessions.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that marriages will be strengthened, healed when needed and that all marriages will be Christ-centered.
- Pray for each topic to speak into the lives of the men and women attending.
- Pray that each participant would make Jesus the head of their life.
- Pray for the children of the participants as they engage in special activities as well.

“ONE DOES NOT REGRET HAVING HELPED  
ANOTHER”  
KENYAN PROVERB

## DAY 12 ELDORET



"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." Psalm 95:6-7 NIV

“After this, I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.”  
Revelation 7:9 NIV

You will begin your morning of worship just as we will finish at Glory Baptist Church. Doug will bring the message this morning. The children will sing songs they learned this week. It will be a beautiful time of worship. The Marriage Conference will conclude this afternoon. All sessions and discussions have been building toward deeper trust within marriage. The retreat will conclude with a commissioning of the couples as they go forth, with hearts committed to God and one another. Our desire is to send out couples who are stronger in their faith, resulting in Christ-centered marriages.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that our time of worship will be God glorifying.
- Pray that our participation will encourage those attending.
- Pray for all who are in leadership in worship to be spiritually alert, physically ready, and Spirit-filled.
- Pray for each couple as they are commissioned at the conference.

“HE IS LIKE A DRUM WHICH MAKES A  
LOT OF NOISE BUT IS HOLLOW INSIDE.”  
SUDANESE PROVERB

DAY 13  
CHEMOSET BAPTIST  
CHURCH



"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil!" Proverbs 3: 5-7  
The Message

Today will be our last day of ministry. We will be working with one of the mission points of Glory Baptist Church in Chemoset. Pastor Bernard Wafula leads this congregation. Pastor Bernard came to faith while serving a prison sentence for a wrongful conviction. Facing a life sentence, he felt hopeless until he came to faith in Christ. He began to grow in his faith and share the gospel. One miracle after another followed until a court overturned his conviction, and he was released without a record. Bernard began studying for the ministry and now leads this growing group of believers. We will lead a discipleship session and then join with members for a prayer walk in the area. The goal is to encourage the church through discipleship training and prayer walking.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for the people we will connect with today.
- Pray for opportunities for us to share the Gospel as we walk through the community.
- Pray for Pastor Bernard as he leads this young church.

TO MANAGE YOURSELF, USE YOUR HEAD;  
TO MANAGE OTHERS, USE YOUR HEART.  
AFRICAN PROVERB

DAY 14, 15 & 16  
NAIROBI & TRAVEL  
HOME



"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad  
and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your  
name, O Most High." Psalm 9:1-2 NIV

Our mission trip is coming to an end. This Psalm captures it well for us as we leave with full hearts and grateful souls. Our lives have been deeply impacted by what God has done over these two weeks. Over the next three days, we will begin the journey home, yet a part of our hearts will remain in Kenya.

Day 14, Tuesday, July 7

RETURN TO NAIROBI

- We fly out of Eldoret today heading for Nairobi and will overnight at Hampton House.
- Pray for safety as we travel and that all rest well.
- Join us in praising God for what He accomplished during our mission and for the great family of faith we leave behind at Glory Baptist Church.

Day 15: Wednesday, July 8

FINAL DAY IN KENYA, DEPART FOR HOME

- Tonight we begin our journey home. Our team will have time to do some shopping at the market, finish packing suitcases, eat dinner, and then head to the Jomo Kenyatta Airport.
- KWAHERI KENYA (Goodbye, Kenya)

DAY 16: Thursday, July 9

HOME

- Today we will arrive home. We begin in Nairobi and travel through Frankfurt and Chicago before landing in Atlanta. Pray that the weather allows for smooth travel.
- Pray for safe travel, luggage to arrive, and fast passport control clearance.

“DO NOT TRAVEL WITHOUT A HELPER  
WHO REMOVES DIRT FROM YOUR EYE.”  
KENYAN PROVERB

