Kenya

Work & Witness Teams 2024
A ministry of NC Baptists on Mission

Baptists on Mission (BOM) will sponsor teams to the African nation of Kenya in 2024:

Houses of Hope:
As part of a church planting strategy, houses are being built for families in need. Each mission team of 6-8 will build four houses in four days. A small team of Kenyan builders will work alongside the team. The recipients of the houses are determined by the village, working in conjunction with area pastors. Recipients are usually widows, women who have been abandoned by their husbands, or someone with a disability. Often, these families are unable to keep their houses up to safe, sanitary standards. The house building project brings the community together for service to one of its members and exposes them to the Gospel through a house dedication service. Local pastors are active in planning, conducting, and follow-up of the project. After the team departs, the pastors come back to the village and conducts a 12 week Bible study in the new homes. The hope is that out of these home Bible studies, a new church will begin.

In addition, teams will have opportunity to visit door to door throughout the village, with a translator, explaining why the team is there, sharing their testimony, and presenting the plan of salvation. A school visit for similar sharing opportunities may also be an option. Children gather at each house site, curious as to what is going on. Teams can plan to gather the children to tell Bible stories, sing songs, and play games. One of the local pastors will translate.

Church Leader Training Option:
If team is interested, and has a pastor or two to lead, a local pastor and house church leader training can be organized for one of the four "work days" of the trip. This would likely be held in a local church. Pastors, house church leaders, and Bible study leaders from the area would be invited. Teaching would take place in the morning and afternoon, with a break for lunch. Training will need to be very basic, and many, or most participants will not have had any formal training. This could involve just one or two team members while the others participate in normal Houses of Hope activities described above. Team would be asked to provide some funds to help with the lunch for participants. (Usually just a few hundred dollars).

Dates: **Trip dates can be worked out at almost any time throughout the year**. Team leader simply needs to contact Baptists on Mission with timeframe in mind that begins on a Tuesday, and concludes the following Friday. BOM will work with the local contacts to make sure dates are secured.

Team Size: Because of transportation costs, ideal team size is six to eight members, but larger groups can be accommodated. Individuals or couples wishing to go may be able to add to an existing team.

Logistics: BOM will arrange airfare, lodging, in-country transportation, and other logistics for each team. A Kenyan support team will work with teams once on the field, including skilled laborers for construction.

Costs: Exact cost of the trip will depend on current airfare rates, but will be approx. **$2400-2900 per person**. This will include airfare, food, lodging, in-country transportation, orientation, and insurance.

Other: Trip cost also includes a one night, two day visit to the Masai Mara National Game Reserve, one of the premier animal viewing experiences in all of Africa.

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