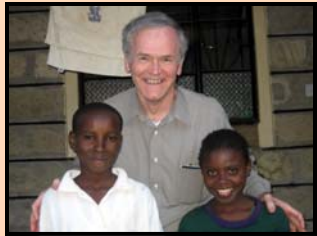


Rose and Ken. . . just two of the children at our orphanage in Meru. Life has not been kind to many children in Africa. The reality of children being orphaned by AIDS or abandoned by society is all too



prevalent. While in Meru I witnessed first hand the plight of young children left to living life on the streets, children looking for their next bottle of glue to sniff, children whose future offers only misery, pain and



hopelessness unless someone intervenes.

If you would like to help us care for more children, visit our website at world-reach.org and click on "Kenya Orphanage" on the home page.



Equipping Pastors

Have you ever asked yourself if what you are doing really makes a difference? During my trip to Kenya in February, that question was answered through the lives of the graduates from our Bible Institute. What I saw



and heard from these pastors and aspiring pastors gave rise to great encouragement.

These students have been coming together four to five times a year for the last three years for training. Most of them have had no previous formal training or mentoring to equip them for their role in shepherding local churches. One man, 66 year old Francis who is a

circuit pastor to several small churches told me that the members of the churches he served had noticed a difference in his teaching and were so appreciative of how the Bible Institute had helped him. Another man, in commenting on what he had learned about feeding himself from the Word of God said, "The way I was when I came here is not the way I am now!"

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But from my perspective, perhaps the most important indication that our investment in the lives of these men was producing fruit was to hear how relationships between husbands and wives were being changed. The men had been challenged in one of their classes to love their wives as Christ loved the church. Christ was a servant leader not a dictator and the application

of that attribute to their marriages was beginning to have an effect.

This is such an important issue that I included it in my formal charge to the graduates. I pointed out to them that if they failed to love their wives as

Christ loved His church, then every other aspect of their ministry would be as a "noisy gong or clanging cymbal, empty and void of substance."

Pray for these servants of Christ, shepherds to many people. Pray that their ministries will be fruitful and multiply.

Colossians 1:28,29

Thanks for partnering with us!

A personal note. . .

The China Connection— In January we got to spend a couple of weeks with our daughter, Angie, and her family who were visiting from China. Near the end of their visit our six year old grandson, Hudson, who has lived all of his life in China, said that he was a little homesick and would be glad to get back. . . To China. Wow! What a reminder that relationships are more important than location. Knowing that they are in the center of God's will makes the distance between us seem closer. Pray for them as they continue to invest their lives among people who are hungry for the Gospel.



Left to Right / Top to Bottom

1. Congratulating the top graduate
2. Giving a resource book to the graduates
3. The community turned out for the Graduation
4. The World Reach staff leading in a song
5. Widows who support themselves by raising chickens and give some of the eggs to the orphanage
6. Pastors loading up a van with gifts (soap, toilet paper, medicine, Bibles, etc.) to take to prisoners
7. Processing Bible correspondence materials
8. Three happy orphans
9. A house mother preparing supper
10. Ungali & vegetables *mmm mmm good!*
11. Paul with more of the kids
12. World Reach staff in Meru
13. Cooking for myself
14. If you can guess what this is, I've got a prize for you.