

# Wilson's' Kenya Team Report

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## Kenya World Reach Bible Institute Marriage and Family Training

***“We now realize there has been a gap in our ministries. We have been neglecting our responsibilities to our families. We now understand the relationship between a strong marriage and a strong ministry.”***

The preceding comments came from one of the pastors speaking for the group after a week of training on “Biblical Marriage and Family”. This session of the World Reach Bible Institute included pastors and their wives coming together to see what God’s Word said about marriage and family. The men and women in the opening session had an opportunity to share their description of an ideal spouse. Listening to their desires for their spouse was both enlightening and entertaining! They admitted that they had never discussed such a topic together. They discovered that culture often clashes with the desires of the heart and the Word of God!



During the class, we had several opportunities to see Scripture deal with some cultural rules. In each culture there are unique challenges with tribal and national influences, but God created us all with the same heart! Of course, sin moves cross-culturally. The assault on the integrity of the family is worldwide and has been since Genesis 3. It was a great privilege to see

God break down barriers in their hearts. You could visibly see the fruit of changed hearts on Day 3 of both weeks of teaching. Understanding Biblical love and forgiveness was critical to understanding marriage, as well as the Gospel.

In December, I will return for the next class: "Teaching Principles and Methods". We will still be studying in the book of Ephesians, so the marriage and family theme will continue! I am planning to also take "Shepherding a Child's Heart" to them to help answer their child-training questions. Through your support, the men were supplied with a Precept Inductive Study Bible and a book on marriage principles for further study. They extended their thanks to you.



Doris (my mother-in-law) ministered to the wives of the pastors and the local women. She was able to address many issues with them that could not be discussed in a mixed group. God blessed her time with these women. Several of them realized they were in need of salvation and were led to Christ. All of those attending had their hearts touched. They begged Doris to return in December. So, Doris hopes to return with me to continue with a study on Philipians. There is a hunger for Spiritual teaching in the lives of all that we met.

Caleb (my son), Will and Allison Slappey (my nephew and niece) had a great time of ministry with the youth of Meru and Muthentheni. They spent the week conducting some in-depth discipleship classes. They worked wonderfully as a team in challenging and exhorting the youth. Many lives were impacted. They led teams out to do street witnessing and 7 people were led to receive Christ. I was so blessed to get to see Caleb minister to the youth and teach his portions of the classes. His heart was moved by the visible fruit produced in the lives changed by the Word of God.



Allison visited the hospital in Meru. Words cannot describe the flies, smells and sights she encountered. She will never view her nursing profession in the same way. She visited the maternity room where two women per bed is the rule. All the mothers wanted her to hold and pray for each baby there. In Muthetheni, she was the main attraction in the World Reach Medical Clinic. Many patients wanted the 'white nurse' to give them injections or vaccinations!



### **New Ministry to Widows and Abandoned Wives - Chickens for Jesus?**

I am not sure if the name will last, but we are hopeful that providing a few chickens and a rooster can help some truly destitute people support themselves. My desire is for churches see the need and help them. Unfortunately, the church there has adopted the cultural view that widows with children are not "re-marriageable" and are not their problem. The culture does not have a problem with a widower

remarrying. The problem seems to stem from complications due to blended families and who inherits what? How does God bless a church when the “ministry” neglects the widows and orphans? If you want to help with this branch of ministry, we are thinking about \$20.00US will provide a needy widow with some chickens to begin an egg business. We left some seed (or egg) money to get them started. You can designate a gift to my account for “Chickens” and we will help these that are in need.

This trip was special in many ways. Lives were impacted as family members ministered together. To God be the glory!

I left Nairobi and attended a Church Planters’ Conference in India. It was a challenging time of learning about planting churches among the unreached people of South East Asia. I brought home some new knowledge . . . and a little sickness, too. I am still trying to eliminate the unknown fever-causer. Keep us in your prayers!

I am making arrangements to return to Kenya in December with Daniel and Doris, but we need your help. My account is still under-funded monthly, so another miracle is needed. Our payment for our six-months medical insurance premium is due with an 18% increase. Please pray that God will raise up monthly partners to further the work of this ministry. There is much to do and no time to waste in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Your partnership is vital. Many of you have stood with us for the last 14 years and we give God all the praise.

For the Gospel,

*Bobby*

### **UPCOMING DATES**

**September 28-29: Workshop - Zeeland, Wisconsin**

**October 4-6: Workshop - Raytown, Missouri**

**November 30 - December 15: Kenya**

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