

A close-up photograph of a rhinoceros grazing in a savanna. The rhino's head is the central focus, with its large, textured horn pointing towards the left. Its eye is visible, and it appears to be eating grass. The background is filled with lush green vegetation, including tall grasses and various shrubs. The lighting is natural, suggesting a bright day. A semi-transparent beige box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the title text.

**KENYAN MISSION  
TRIP THIRTEEN - 2026**

# Kenyan Mission Trip 2026 - Trip 13

## Brief Summary

*First it needs to be said that this mission team of seventeen was amazing in every way. One comment made around the table one night was "There is no way to tell anyone back home just what we are experiencing here. It would come way short."*

### Thursday, January 22nd

Arrival day. - A bit complicated as we arrived from Cincinnati, Atlanta, California and Mongolia. Five arrived two days later as planned. There was some unpacking but mostly settling into Naomi's Village Guest House.



### NIGHT DEVOTIONS

Nightly devotions: Every night we lead devotions in all six dorms. These included worship dancing, singing, puppets, deep discussions, heart felt more. This was a very

skits, worship with streamers, individual prayers and so much important part of our week.

**Putting on a skit with puppets on Forgiveness**



**Praising God using worship streamers to the song "Praise" by Elevation Worship**

**Praising God using Dance to "Celebrate". They really got into it.**



# WATER PROJECT

Friday, January 23, 2026

While some of us unpacked the 20 plus boxes of supplies to be used during the week; a group headed to Maai Mahiu to set up a water system for one of the families we sponsor. They dug footers for a water tank pedestal – including cementing it off. Then they built gutters on the house for the water to go into the water tank. Water is often a problem in this part of Kenya. Part of the group built a small outside kitchen for the family



## Future Water Project

Philip is working with Alex on a \$130,000 water project for the little town near Alex's church. They are going with engineers this summer to get it going. Philip is totally responsible for that project.



# NAOMI'S VILLAGE FULL DAY VBS

Saturday, January 24, 2026

## Bible Skits

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish builder. While Jesus is talking to the crowd – in walk the three pigs. The two foolish pigs have no time to listen to Jesus talk, but pig #3 sits down to listen carefully and ends up building his house on a firm foundation. You all know the rest of the story as the Big Bad Wolf arrives.

Memory Verse– John 7:24 – “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock.”



## Craft time

### Bible bookmarks

Bible Bookmarks: Teens completed diamond art projects, middle kids wove a unique bookmark and the little ones made special bookmarks with their names already written in calligraphy.



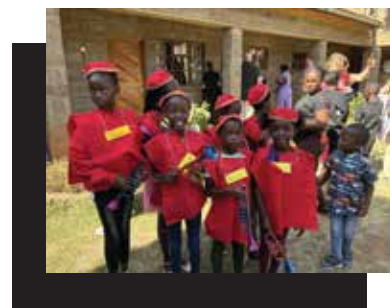
## Activity time

Four foot beach ball games, gaga ball, bubble blowing machine for little ones. In the afternoon all playgrounds were filled with activities for everyone to enjoy: an activity known as green suitcase hubbub.



# SUNDAY CHURCH AT NAOMI'S VILLAGE

## Sunday, January 25, 2026



These kids were dressed in full costume to enact Joshua and the walls of Jericho. Next all six dorms either sang, danced, or put on a short skit. In the afternoon we met with our individually sponsored kids. Gifts were given and special times were had.

Zakayo - One of the older boys, who is now a missionary, giving his testimony. He is really amazing. He finished college and went to South Africa to become a missionary. He is back visiting.



### Sponsoring kids

Meeting  
with  
sponsored  
kids



David,  
a little  
boy we  
have  
all  
fallen  
in love  
with



Catherine - Kay  
has sponsored her  
for 13 years. She  
is out of college  
and starting her  
first job at  
*FreshCrop*

(A Kenyan food distributor)



Joy - a  
community  
child we  
sponsor.

If you would like to sponsor a child at Naomi's Village, either call Kay so she can tell you how much fun it is (she sponsors eight kids) -- or go to [naomisvillage.org](http://naomisvillage.org). They are now looking for sponsors for three year olds coming into Cornerstone Academy.

If you would like to sponsor a child's education in the town of Kijabe, give Kay or Melisa a call. Mostly we pay for education of kids and teenagers. A public school often has 100 kids for one teacher. Also, at age fourteen you are out unless you can pay for further education. Education is the best chance of having a future in Kenya. That, along with a Christian education, goes a long way.

# MONDAY WORK PROJECT

Monday January 26, 2026

## Pastor Alex's Church



This was a workday in Navasha where we have sponsored the finishing of four classrooms at Pastor Alex's Church. The building started ten years ago and they ran out of money. There were just unfinished walls- no floors, roofs, window, door etc. Most of the heavy work was completed by our Kenyan counterparts before we arrived. We installed ceiling boards, and painted all four rooms as well as some of the outside walls. We worked along side church members and Kenyan construction workers. It was fun to work with people we had worked with in years gone by like Moses and Pastor Kim.



**Painting trim before installing**



**Church kids wanted to help**



**Team at work**



**Putting up ceiling boards**



**Eliana painting the top edges**



**Holli Painting Trim**

**Mission Team and Kenyan workers in front of the building we were finishing**



# KIJABE DAY

## Tuesday January 27

**Kijabe preschool: our major emphasis for first ten years.**

This little school was down to eight students and in total disrepair when we started in 2012. It is now a thriving school with over 100 students and five teachers. We built classrooms, a kitchen, started a lunch program, a playground, provided many supplies and built 10 apartments whose rent went to support the program.



## PASTOR ALEX

### OUR MAJOR KENYAN FACILITATOR

We ate snacks at Pastor Alex's home and met with our favorite artisans



Martin  
Kikuyu Artisan



Samual  
Representing Maasai Artisans



# KIJABE DAY TUESDAY

January 27 (continued)

## Mainge Preschool VBS Program



**Bible  
Theme  
Skits**



**Craft time**



## HOME VISITS



**Beehive  
Project**

Next, we visited families up in the hills who were in need of special help. We took food baskets, prayed with individuals and in some cases dealt with ongoing issues like Jackson who is a young man with a severe head injury who we have been helping with physical therapy and adaptive equipment. We



**Farm  
Projects**

were to visit our farm and beehives we had set up with individual families but it started pouring. Barb managed to fall into huge mud puddle.



# CORNERSTONE ACADEMY

Wednesday January 28, 2026 -

The day was spent at Cornerstone School which has an incredible program. It was initially set up to school the children at Naomi's Village but has now been opened to community kids. They serve over 500 children at this time. (plans for 1000). Naomi's Village will keep serving all of these children until they are grown and successful in the community. One is selected by whom is the poorest of the poor. What a huge opportunity it is to attend this school. These kids will be the future leaders of Kenya.

We lead three chapels including singing and VBS skits in full costume followed by discussions about the meaning of the lessons.

## CHAPEL UPPER PRIMARY



## CHAPEL LOWER PRIMARY



## CHAPEL TEENAGERS

We did not get any pictures as we were all super enjoying ourselves. Five teenagers acted out the Parable of the Wise Builder. While Jesus was telling the parable, the three pigs and the big bad wolf entered. It was well done and resulted in a great discussion afterwards.

# SAFARI

## Thursday January 29, 2026

**Safari Day** - Half of the group went on an overnight safari to the Maasi Mara. Half went to the one day trip to Nakuru. If you go to Kenya a safari is essential.

### Over night Safari to Maasi Mara group



Maasai warriors jumping

### Nakuru one day Safari group



# LEAP VBS

## Friday January 30, 2026

**LEAP preschool day** - Joshua and the Jericho Walls VBS skit was completed with every child in costume - a total of over seventy 3 and 4 year olds. What fun! This was followed by a craft decorating little trumpets with jewels and of course blowing them over and over.



# BUNK BED PROJECT

Saturday January 31, 2026

**Community outreach day-** We all headed for homes of some of our sponsored community kids in Maai Mahiu to build and install bunk beds, bring food baskets and pray together.



## FAREWELL PARTY

The last night we had a huge farewell party for all the kids and staff at Naomi's Village. We always have a theme. This year it was a race car theme. It included ice-cream, sprinkles, whip cream, individual gift bags, singing and all around fun. Then we had confetti cannons go off at the end. Kids even come back from college to attend.



# WORSHIP AT PASTOR ALEX'S CHURCH

Sunday February 1, 2026

**Church at Pastor Alex's church in Navasha** There was amazing singing with everyone involved including dancing in the aisles. Barb and Andy sang. Jeff gave the sermon with Alex interpreting. Many parishioners came forward for healing prayers by Jeff and Melissa. Gifts were given; lunch was served and we rushed back to Naomi's Village to pack and drive to Nairobi for our grueling trip home to America.



**Jeff preaching/ Pastor Alex interpreting**



**Healing service with Jeff and Melissa - They had a line of people who wanted to be prayed for.**



**Barb and Andy singing**



**Church gave all our Men Maasi Blankets**



**Singing and dancing**

# OTHER RECIPIENTS OF JCAP AND OHIO AFRICA MISSION FUND

## James Ndichu



James works with street kids in Maai Mahiu. Among other things, he teaches computer use and instructs them in playing musical instruments. We provided him with refurbished computers in January 2026.

Our project in 2025 was to provide funds to build a four classroom Christian School. James and his boys did much of the construction so the funding went a long way. Our team painted classrooms last year. The school opened the day we left. JCAP is providing some of the funding needed this year to complete the project (building the kitchen).



**New Classrooms**



**Kitchen under Construction**



## Sammy Mututua



We provided the funds to build an apartment building with Sammy. The rent goes to provide funds for preschool. Sammy hopes to receive more funding to complete the last three apartments (an apartment is 2 rooms). The others are all occupied with a waiting list. We helped Sammy and his tribe start a goat herd. It is now thriving.



Again, profits go to helping with the school and the Maasi Tribe.

The women of the Maasi Tribe make beautiful jewelry. Sammy markets the jewelry for them.



# NAOMI'S VILLAGE STAFF THAT MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE



ALLISON-SIMON-SARAH

## ALLISON

Without Allison this mission trip would be complete chaos. She is the one who makes everything we do go smoothly. On top of that – she is an amazing Christian woman. How does she keep 10 balls up in the air at the same time? Her official title is Team Liaison and Child sponsorship coordinator.

## SIMON

Simon is who makes everything so much fun. When Simon arrives -the sun shines even brighter. He is always the MC of the last night ice cream farewell party. His official title is Director of Administration. Among other duties, he makesure all the kids out of high school are on their way to a meaningful and productive life.

## MADDIE

Maddie is Director of Volunteer Services and is our stateside contact. Maddie is the main person who helps us plan our trips and keeps us organized and moving all week!.

*Somehow, she makes it  
all come together*



# PASSING THE TORCH



Kay Mason is retiring (after thirteen years) as the coordinator of this amazing mission trip but plans to go on the trip and be involved in the next adventure. She is so excited that Melissa and Jeff Boice will be taking over. All she knows so far (and it's only



April ) is that they will be going in December to help with Christmas and New Years at the Children's home. Then they will lead a mission trip in January. (January 21 to February 1, 2027) She does know they are working with Pastor Alex to put a kitchen in the building we finished this year. She cant wait!

*If you are interested in going on the 2027 trip in January  
or donating to the mission funds  
contact Jeff or Melissa Boice*

*Cedarandoak61@gmail.com or Mdbee4@gmail.com*

*Or*

*kaymason@aol.com*

*Or*

*Donations can also be sent to JCAP through  
Vance H. Luke at vluke1223@gmail.com*

*Or*

*To the JCAP team treasurer (Karen Calfee)  
kcalfee@gmail.com*