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God's perfect plan for a Kibera kid's camp

When a team from **North Shore Fellowship** (PCA) in Chattanooga, Tenn., first visited Kibera in 2008, **Pastor Imbuni** and **Martha Makuku** told them of their desire for a camp for young children from the slum. The church members could not have known what God had planned for them just three years later when He provided a beautiful venue and a new team perfectly equipped to host a children's camp. This spring the camp became a reality at the beautiful Shunem property south of Nairobi. Two experienced camp directors from North Shore, **Jennifer Miller** and **Alisa Gillis**, provided their expertise with the support of team members **Jenny Sanders** and sisters **Kerri** and **Kaylee McCunn**.



By grace, our fears relieved!

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While God sometimes chooses to work through ‘realized’ fears, in this case He chose to crush them. To God be the glory! **We feared rain** ...God didn’t send a drop. **We feared power blackouts.** We had power every second of our visit. **We feared the teaching times would fall flat.** Our Kenyan brothers and sisters wove [our theme] **LOVED, SAFE and IMPORTANT** ... into their devotional times with the children, providing amazing unity of spirit and truth. **We feared our plan for camp wouldn’t translate.** Our Kenyan brothers and sisters absolutely ran with it. ...We’ve remarked over and over again that in light of their amazing talent pool, [the Kibera church] truly doesn’t need us, but it sure is fun that we get to come alongside them and help a little bit. ”

— Jenny Sanders, North Shore Fellowship, Chattanooga, Tenn.



Kerri McMunn has fun with Kibera kids and a rubber chicken.



Alisa Gillis (L) portrays Queen Esther with Shunem house mom Purity Mwangi.



The children received cool green “Kids Camp” t-shirts.



Jennifer Miller, Jenny Sanders, Sabina and Anne practice a worship song.



Summer interns experience hands-on ministry



2011 summer interns at the Shunem property south of Nairobi, Kenya.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

Last Sunday, something happened that will forever stick in my mind. Just before Pastor Imbumi started to give his sermon, **a 10-year-old boy started crying for no explained reason.** He then ran out of the church. Pastor Imbumi left the pulpit to go see what was wrong. A few minutes later the pastor returned holding the child. Pastor Imbumi had calmed him down. It wasn't until after church that I learned why the child started crying. **He had not eaten since lunch on Friday;** it was then 12 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The hunger pains were hurting him so badly that he began to cry. ... **Here I was sitting with a bag of peanuts in my backpack**



Virginia Foster with new friends.



Rachel Gorman and Irene at the Shunem Shelter girls' home.

just in case we had a "late" lunch. The child attends the school at the church, [which] provides a lunch for all the children while they are at school ... **his only meal every day.** This is the reality of the slum outside the protection of the church. Children are starving, people are dying of AIDS, single mothers are trying to feed their children without a source of income ... **I will never cease to be humbled by the great joy and faith that the Christians of the slum demonstrate.**

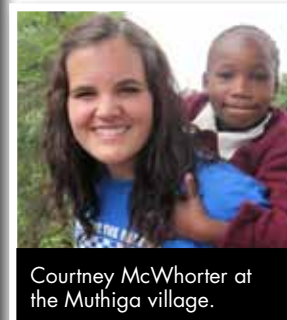
— From the blog of MTW summer intern **Justin Evans.**
Read Justin's complete blog at <http://justinevans0502.blogspot.com>



Justin Evans with children at Kibera.



Jacob Nelson with new friend Victor at the Kibera church.



Courtney McWhorter at the Muthiga village.



Justin Evans at the Shunem Shelter girls' home under construction.

Mentoring as ministry

"Working as a mentor with MTW has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my ministry. Our summer in Acapulco was one of the best in our family's life. A summer internship is a wonderful opportunity for young adults to get a taste for international missions while having a mature mentor walk with them through their experience."

— **Josh Martin**, mentor to the Acapulco, Mexico, summer interns, is RUF campus minister at Louisiana State University. Read Josh's blog at <http://joshuaalanmartin.blogspot.com>.



Acapulco, Mexico, mentor Josh Martin with wife Sara, Ben (10) and Meg (9).



Acapulco, Mexico intern team (L to R), back row: Josh Martin (mentor), Eric Graham, Hardy Reynolds; middle row: Sara Martin, Rebekah Clark, Lauren Lu, Jesi Zinn; front row: Ben Martin, Meg Martin.

Kenya intern mentor Mark White

"Many government organizations have tried to change the Kibera slum and failed. This summer the interns and I asked a different question. How can our Lord use Kibera to change us? How can He change us so that we become missionaries where we live? How can He change us to join a heart for mercy with evangelism, holistically ministering to the poor, broken, and lost in our own circles at home?"

— **Mark White**, mentor to the Nairobi, Kenya, summer interns, is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta.

Do you know a college student or young adult with a heart for missions and some free time?



Do them a favor and pass on the exciting news about internship possibilities with Mission to the World. We have service opportunities from one to 11 months all over the globe—places where God is at work! Here's our contact information **678-823-0024**, or email us at go@mtw.org.

— *We'd love to talk to them.*

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MTW Welcomes a New **Mercy** **Ministries** Director

Kay Burklin is the new director of Mercy Ministry for Mission to the World. She comes to the Atlanta office from South Carolina, where her husband **Heiko** has served as pastor of an Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) church. They have three sons, 23, 21, and 17 years-old, and one daughter-in-law.



Kay was raised in Massachusetts and graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in psychology and music. She also is a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with an M. A. in theological studies in ethics.

Kay has a heart for missions and mercy. She served with Heiko on an MTW/ARP church-planting team in former East Berlin, Germany, for 10 years. She also served refugees in the Philippines and in Boston, Mass., and has assisted with disaster relief. She has participated in numerous short-term missions trips in the U. S., Latin America, and Eastern Europe. At various times she has served as a social worker for a relief agency, a youth guidance instructor, and a teacher of international students.

Kay's new responsibilities with MTW are to oversee StreetChild, medical ministry, and disaster response.



Transition at the StreetChild ministry

Dr. Tom Stewart has worked himself out of a job and is in transition to a supportive role of consultant with the StreetChild ministry. He will be working to support Kay Burklin as the new director of Mercy Ministry.

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I Never Imagined



I never imagined that missions would be my passion. In fact, a college friend prayed for someone who she thought was the “least likely candidate to ever be a missionary.” That someone was me.

After college, I taught English in Japan, which was followed by living and working in a refugee camp in the Philippines. It was something I never pictured myself doing and I made three startling discoveries: first, cross-cultural work was something that I loved and enjoyed; second, the physical and spiritual needs were great; and three, no one was lining up behind me to take my place when I left.

I could not have predicted what was coming into my life: seminary, youth ministry, empowering the homeless and refugees, international students, church planting in Berlin, being a pastor’s wife, missions trips to all corners of the world, evangelism ... all stuff not particularly on my childhood dream list.

I think sometimes God smiles at the difference between my dreams for myself and His dreams for me. My dreams would have been quite small—following His direction has made for a very interesting, exciting journey. I never could have imagined the outcome of my girlfriend’s prayers for me. Maybe, someone will pray that prayer for you.

Kay

Kay Burklin

Director of Mercy Ministries

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