

Recap of Oct. 22-31, 2009 Mission Trip to Nairobi, Kenya

Oct. 22-23---Travel Days arrive NBO 7:25PM Fri nite, check in Hampton House.

Oct. 24, Saturday---to John E. Halgrim Orphanage for “documentary shoot” and mix with the orphans, plan rooftop solution (Ray) and set up birthday party for Abigael Angel 4, Derick Ouma 11, Mary Atieno 11, Elizabeth Naliaka 11, Michael Okoth 11, Sheila Wanjera 13. All these are Oct. Birthdays. Reviewed all of Edith’s presents for the kids with Miriam. Had administrative meeting with George, Miriam, Hilary and Edward about quantity purchasing, school situation, sewer assessment and how to pay.

Oct 25, Sunday---Early up to Kibera for the John E. Halgrim Memorial Soccer Tournament. Joanie was the MC for the opening ceremony, we watched the first game, the “John Halgrim Stars” lost, unfortunately. Then back to JEHO for church and mix with orphans again. Picture taking and Birthday Party for the 6 kids with Oct. birthdays. Then back to Kibera at close of soccer tournament at Kibera to make presentations, give trophies and awards. Long day!

Oct. 26, Monday---Trip to Rama Care Center School for photo shoot, back to JEHO work on building problems, water supply problems, roof corrections and discussion of school closing and choice of new school for Jan. 1 new school year.

Oct. 27, Tuesday---Trip to Kibera to NCOC School for presentation and to observe second story addition. Saw 80 kids in uniforms on the new second floor addition at NCOC. There was a very large room which will be divided into 2 classrooms, an office and a secure storeroom on the second floor. On the way out we decided to go to the Giraffe Center, a visit enjoyed by all, especially Suzanne, Tim and Joanie. Ray met with Dalmas to check on the status of our Society application at the government building downtown, took most of the day.

Oct. 28, Wednesday---Sally and Lowell cooked breakfast for the Memphis Medical Group (12) before they left to do medical work at NCOC in Kibera. Lowell and Sally talked with med group about free medical supplies. Met with Memphis Medical Group at JEHO to check out medical situations with 13 of the orphans. Tim did a “shoot” of kids being attended to by the Memphis Medical Group. Met with the Mayor of Ruiru, Kenya and made plans to see his city on Fri. He made promises of free land to build on. Wed. night we were invited to Dr. Meshach Onguti’s home. The food was very good. His family was very gracious to our mission team.

Oct. 29, Thursday---Safari to Nakuru for Tim and Suzanne. We met with Bob Hargrave from Echo who came to Nairobi to meet us to plan the rooftop garden at JEHO. Work at JEHO for some, meetings for others. Late morning Lowell and Sally left for the airport to return home. Important meeting with Dr. Meshach at his office where Ray, Doug and Joanie were introduced to the idea of some low-priced land in the Massai area and an attorney who introduced the idea of an NGO form of ownership for HTLOT which we liked very much. We ate dinner and Ray left for the airport to return home.

Oct. 30, Friday--- Photo shoot of Nairobi by Tim, Suzanne and Joanie, also visit to small elephant park. Doug left early to visit Ruiru with Margaret, a representative from Mayor Geoffrey Kaarah's office. Saw a lot of building done by Hope Pres. Memphis and was offered 2+acres of land in front of an old orphanage if we would relocate JEHO there. Land there is valued at \$25,000 per acre. Then met with Dr. Meshach Onguti to travel to Massai area to view the land, a 2 hour drive from our projects in Nairobi. Too far and too desolate to consider. Back to Nairobi to pack and get ready to go to the airport. Leave Nairobi at 11:50 PM.

Oct. 31, Saturday---Travel day to FL, arrive 6:05 PM (long day).