

Kenya



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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Kenya is affectionately called “the heart of Africa” by her people. As such, it remains a country rich in culture, in history and in opportunity. In 1963, Kenya gained her independence from colonial rule and operates as a democracy today. Like most African nations however, Kenya’s struggles related to development, economics and politics did not end when independence was won. Years of oppression under colonial rule have scarred the country and her people. Despite this, Kenya has been a leader in development, in intercontinental relations and in public policy among African nations.



Yet, in spite of huge steps in development, Kenya’s population lives in extreme poverty and is greatly impacted by life-threatening disease every day.

The world’s second-largest slum, Kibera, is found in Nairobi, Kenya’s capitol city. More than one million people have made their home in the Kibera slum and more are moving there every day. These families are desperate — for

help, for health care, for jobs, for food and for love.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic has left its mark on Kenya, as well. In fact, more than half a million children have been orphaned because of AIDS in Kenya alone. Today, more than 1.2 million Kenyans are HIV positive and more are infected each day.

In the mountains about 50 km West of Nairobi is an area known as Kijabe. Kijabe means "Place of the Wind" in the Maasai language. It is located on the edge of Great Rift Valley. Although Kijabe is known for being one of the world’s largest mission stations, there are still many locals in the area that are receiving little or no assistance. Due to the staggering amount of orphans in the area, many are without proper access to food, appropriate role models, or simply a safe place to be. Forward Edge International has developed a relationship with Mama Beth, a woman who operates a feeding program for at-risk children in the area. She works to feed them both spiritually and physically. It is our goal to help vulnerable children in order for them to move forward in their lives.

The opportunities to serve in Kenya are vast. We are excited that you would like to partner with us to address the needs of these people.

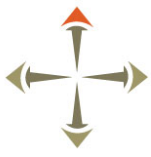


Everyone
should have
an
opportunity
to change a
LIFE.



A volunteer reads with the children at Mama Beth’s

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Come to the Edge...
where you will discover in a deeper
way who God is, who you are and
what God can do through you.

What Will We Be Doing?

Just outside of Nairobi in Kijabe, Mama Beth is feeding and caring for needy children out of her own home. Currently, there is no designated area for the children to eat, study, or get out of the elements. Our development goal is to complete a new structure for Mama Beth. This structure will have designated classrooms, an eating area and provide much needed shelter for those rainy days. You will use any construction skills you may have to help prepare the area and build this structure. In addition, you will work with Mama Beth in meal preparation and spend time giving the children much needed love and attention!

In the Kibera slum, you will minister to the families through youth meetings, children's ministries, construction projects and home visits. You will use your skills to help individual families by repairing homes, painting and doing other minor construction projects.

Who will we work with?

You will be staying at a guest house called Gracia House in the center of Nairobi. Every place you will work will be within 30 miles of the compound. We will partner with Kenyan pastors, Fred and Lydia Kilonzo, through Pneuma Ministries, as we address the needs of those living in the Kibera slum. In Kijabe, we will work alongside Mama Beth and her daughter, Jane Wathagana, as we minister to the children in the community.

What ID. Do I Need?

A U.S. passport, a tourist visa, and a yellow fever vaccination card are required for entry into Kenya! Remember that a U.S. passport can take three months to receive and a visa takes approximately 30 days, or you can get your visa at the airport upon arrival.

What Will It Cost?

The fee, of **\$1895**, will cover food, lodging and transportation in Kenya, preparatory materials, an experienced on-site facilitator and complete logistical coordination. It does not include your flights to and from Kenya. If you do not receive a visa prior to traveling, there is a \$50.00 USD visa fee per person when entering the country.

Other Questions?

As soon as we receive your completed applications, we'll send you a "Team Pack" with training materials, information on Kenya, a list of what to pack, etc.

Need More Information?

Please contact **Nicole Klepec**, Forward Edge Team Coordinator for Kenya at **360.574.3343** or nicole@forwardedge.org

IMPORTANT DATES

90 Days Prior
Application & Liability
Release Form DUE

60 Days Prior
\$947.50 Half Payment
DUE

30 Days Prior
\$947.50 Payment DUE

15 Days Prior
Travel Insurance DUE



Reach out to at-risk
children.

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