

## Giving Thanks for Muddy Doors to Western Kenya by Pastor Cheryl Freese

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Beautiful? Really? Even muddy feet?



Romans 10:13-15 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

We received a call from Western Kenya to come and visit an area of Kenya close to the Uganda and Kenya boarder that is not yet reached with the Gospel. In that area there is a tribe called the West Pokot. What happened on our journey was neither expected nor planned...

In September we received the call from Pastor Eli (pronounced El-lee) in Western Kenya informing us that he felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to go deep into the unreached area of the West Pokot tribe. We began planning the scouting trip. It would take a full day of traveling to reach Western Kenya and then another day to reach the destination. We arranged to leave on October 20th, a Kenyan National Holiday called Heroes Day, similar to our Memorial Day in the USA. We would travel with our Kenyan JFM Board member Pastor David Kefa. Dave is also from Western and is the Nephew to Pastor Eli. We now had the skeleton plan and it was exciting to see how the Lord would fill in the rest of the Mission.

### BUNGOMA, KENYA

A few years ago on one of our trips to Nairobi we met a politician named Fred Wafula. He invited us to visit him in Bungoma, a major town in Western Kenya. After contacting him, it was decided that the first two nights of our journey would be spent in Bungoma. Fred gave us Luuya tribal names, Mike's is Wekesa and mine is Nekesa. We were so excited to find out that they both mean, "Harvest".

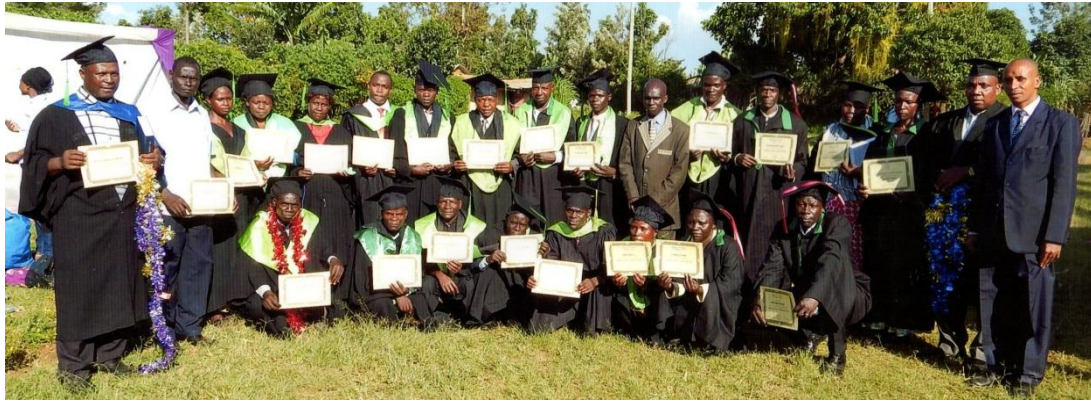
Fred Wafula practices the Catholic religion but because of his political career, he is well known among the Protestant Pastors in Bungoma. After a couple of phone calls, Fred had organized a 4-hour seminar where we would teach the Bungoma Pastor's Fellowship.



We found out that many of the pastors in the Bungoma Pastor's Fellowship had never been to Bible School.

Mike immediately made a phone call to the Kenya Director of the Beaumont Texas School of Christ, Bible School. Within 30 minutes, it was set!

The Bible teacher would come in November for the intensive 3-week Bible training course. JFM helped sponsor the event and the pastors also contributed.



Sunday, December 27th 2015 the graduation took place and we received the following message

from Joseph, "Hello Brother Michael, We had our graduation as I informed you on phone and attached is a photo of the 23 graduates. Many souls also came to answer the altar call of salvation during the day's preaching. I pray that it will please the Lord that they grow in Him. Joseph, Kenya Director, School of Christ"

Isn't that awesome!!! How an unplanned, unexpected gathering could change the lives of so many!!! May Yah be praised and glorified for His wondrous plans!!! HALLELU-YAH!!!

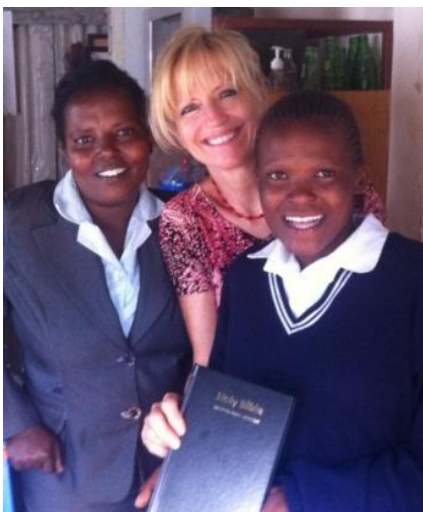
#### KITALE, KENYA



We stopped in Kitale to see our JFM university graduate, Sellah Kranja . She is now the principle of a small High



School. After sharing with the students Mike gave a salvation invitation and Agneta, an 18 year old girl, came forward. Agneta was so happy to receive a Bible!





UMOJA, KENYA

We then continued our journey to Pastor Eli's home in Umoja, where we would spend the next 4 days with Eli's family in their mud house. We would be transported back in time to the days before electricity and indoor plumbing. It was a wonderful experience we will never forget!



It was quite muddy walking around Umoja and at one point it was safer to walk without shoes!!! We were able to encourage a group of students at the Umoja Primary School and teach the teachers some Bible truths. The children presented several songs for us in the Luuya language.





We preached at the Salvation Army Church and seventy five percent of the congregation came forward for prayer to receive more power from the Holy Spirit. A total of 39 Bibles were given out in Umoja.

### WEST POKOT, KENYA

After another day's journey, we arrived in West Pokot. This was the most challenging part of the mission. The road was at times treacherous and always rough but that wasn't the hard part.

What we found as we drove further and further inside surprised us in a very sad way. The last three hours of our trip we didn't find any churches but not even that was as sad as what we did find...

Three brand new Mosques!

Yes... the lie of Islam has made its way to a place where there is no one to proclaim the TRUTH!

We must go back! We must bring the Good News of the True Peace, The Prince of Peace, His name:

Y'shua =

Yahweh is Salvation...

Jesus Christ, The Way...

The Truth... The Life!

