



# the adventures of KENNETH & Stephanie

KENYA 2008



*The Republic of Kenya is situated in East Africa. It is named after the famous Mount Kenya. During July, we will experience the coldest weather offered in these tropical parts. Recent floods have already struck the village we will visit in Garissa. Once there, we hope to learn the spirit of Kenya's motto, "Harambee," which means "Let us all pull together" in Swahili.*



## DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

The last time you received a letter from us, it was probably about our wedding! Naturally, people ask us, "How's married life?" and we love to respond, "We highly recommend it!" We take great joy in the pleasures and continue to grow in the challenges of our second year of marriage. After Stephanie graduates from Berkeley Optometry in May, we plan to move back down to the South Bay to be closer to Kenneth's work at Stanford, our friends and families, and potential jobs for Steph. Now that she's done with school, we have the opportunity to do some exciting things this summer. Namely, we'd like to share with you how God has led us to go to Kenya this July with our friends at Baylight Church Community.

## A LITTLE BACKGROUND STORY

A year ago, Ken Ochieng visited Baylight to share about his ministry in his homeland Kenya. He works in the city of Garissa, which is largely populated by Somali refugees. There he trains people to build solar ovens, develop basic medical skills, dig wells, and purify water. He also runs a school for Muslim children called Life Frontier School. One recent project has been to build a school building for the refugee children. They no longer have to learn to read under a tree!

Since Ken's visit, Baylight has committed to supporting his work in Kenya. We were excited when

Baylight also committed to sending a team to Kenya for 10 days. Our goals for this initial trip are to learn more about Ken's heart for the people in Garissa, to witness the power of God at work on the other side of the world, and to bring home to our community an idea of how we can better support Ken and his ministry in Kenya.



Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14

There are many preparations still to take care of. Plane tickets and vaccinations for Kenya alone cost around \$2700 per person. Steph last went to Kenya in 2004 with an organization called Project Compassion to provide a



free medical clinic in Embu, and she is excited to return for a third time this July. Stephanie is excited to finally get to share this part of her life and passion with Kenneth. This will be Kenneth's

first time to Africa, and the trip promises to be an even more eye-opening experience than his favorite scenes from TV shows like "Survivorman" and "Man vs. Wild".



## DATES & FIGURES

6  
Committed  
Team Members

\$6000  
Fundraising Goal  
for K&S

JULY 10  
Depart from  
San Francisco

JULY 20  
Return from  
Garissa, Kenya



### GROWTH AND UNITY

is what we desire as a couple during this period of preparation and as we embark upon this trip. We also desire for our team to bond strongly and to work well together no matter what we encounter along the way. May God give us strength to maintain a humble and eager attitude that will enable us to take joy in whatever ways we can serve Ken's ministry and bless the Somali children during our trip.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** are always big concerns when traveling abroad, and we will work and reside in areas known for contaminated water, malaria risk from insect bites, and recent flooding. Pray for God's protection over us as we travel, especially in light of the recent political unrest in Kenya. Pray that He would restore the right leader to power, and that there would be peace.



### WISDOM AND GRACE

is our final prayer request as we cross cultural and religious divides as we encounter the Kenyan and Somali people. May God open our eyes and our hearts through this unique trip, using us to reach out and connect with people by His power and grace.



Well, that's all for now. Thanks for reading our update. We're so grateful for your prayers and support!

*To the ends of the earth,*

*Kenneth and Stephanie*

If you'd like to contribute toward our fundraising goal, please write a check to "Baylight Church Community" and pass it along to us or send it directly to the Baylight Office at 960 N. San Antonio Road, Suite 201, Los Altos, CA 94022. For tax purposes, *please don't write anything on the memo line*, but include a separate note to let us know how to allocate the gift. Thanks! Or if you prefer the convenience of PayPal, please click the link at the bottom of <http://www.baylightchurch.org> and fill out the form. Finally, we'd love to hear from you! Please feel free to drop us a line anytime at [kennethandstephanie@gmail.com](mailto:kennethandstephanie@gmail.com)