

# Preparations for Kenya

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Dear Friends,

Over the past few months, many of you have been asking when I will be leaving for Kenya. On February 1, SIM notified me that my support was at 90% so I could begin making plans for my departure. This involves: setting a departure date, getting a visa, storing my household things, taking care of business, and visiting family and friends. The question I face now is working out a schedule for the next weeks and setting a departure date.

As I prepare to go, I am thinking of the two ministries that I will be working with in Nairobi, Kenya – The Children in Need ministry and Dorcas Ministry.

## Children in Need Ministry

Nairobi is a city of 3 million people with about 60% of them living in informal settlements or slums. Children are living in poverty-stricken homes or roaming the streets of these slums. There is a big need to reach them for Christ and help them grow up physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy. A number of indigenous organizations have formed to meet the needs of the children; however, many of these groups have staff with minimal formal education themselves so are ill equipped to fully meet the needs of the children. I will be working with Mrs. Beatrice Njoroge, the Director of the Children in Need ministry, to help meet this need. This organization focuses exclusively on linking and empowering Christian caregivers and teachers thus equipping them to evangelize the children and improve the quality and quantity of care given to the children so they can reach their God-given potential.

## Dorcas Ministry

The women in Kenya have important roles in their families, churches, and communities. Many of them are responsible to lead Bible Studies, coordinate discipleship groups, and prepare teaching materials in their churches but are not equipped to do so. I will be working with Ruth Omungo in the areas of discipleship, counseling, leadership development, and business to equip women to be effective leaders and have a positive influence on others. The training strategy used is based on the principle of multiplication: training those who will train others, who in turn will train others and through this method, we will reach many women for Christ and develop leaders. (2 Timothy 2:2)

## Prayer Requests

Thank you for praying for me. God has been answering prayer and providing the monthly support I need to go to Kenya.

- Pray for my sister, Virginia Hartz, who recently had surgery for Stage 3C ovarian cancer and will be starting chemo therapy in a few weeks. Pray for her recovery.
- Pray for a good renter for my house.
- Pray for me as I store my household things and take care of other business.
- Pray for a visa and travel arrangements.
- Pray that God prepares me for the ministry He has for me in Nairobi.
- Pray that God provides my remaining financial needs so I can depart for Kenya soon.

In Christ,

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