

Daily Devotions



I attended the children's devotions during the VBS and was blessed by their worship in both Swahili and English. A couple of children drummed on a large empty jug and scrap pieces of wood laid out like a xylophone. Each night different children had the opportunity to play the drums and keep time while everyone sang. One evening they recited all the Bible verses they have memorized. The first night I attended, Esther Arusa (the manager's daughter) gave the devotion. The children also take turns leading the singing. What awesome training for these young children.



Pastor's Conference

On April 9th and 10th, MCCH hosted their first Pastor's Conference. Ed Hickey and Matt Rowan taught the first level of the Discipleship Training Seminar. Approximately 30 leaders from up to 120 km away came for the conference. We provided lunch, dinner, breakfast and lunch again for the attendees. Christine Arusa, Ruth Arusa (her daughter), other MCCH staff and the teen girls all helped prepare the food for the group. Even the tween boys were plucking fresh chickens early in the morning before VBS for the women to prepare.



"Pastor Ed you blessed my heart so much during the seminar. For me it's Timothy (me) meeting Paul (Ed). I will follow your links I wish I had attended your class ten years ago. You make it simple but very effective. Much love Pastor and Christ be praise." – Erick

Discipleship

The teens in highschool were challenged each night by Pastor Ed in their own special discipleship group. He challenged them to sit at the feet of Jesus every day, the way Mary sat at Jesus' feet and have a daily quiet time. Pastor Ed gave them each a discipleship book called "The 5 Assurance Study" (by Navigators) and took them through a chapter a day. They were encouraged to memorize the 5 assurances. To sweeten the deal, Pastor Matt said he would award each one a soda and fries if they could say word perfect 1 John 5:11-12. Lets just say, everyone memorized that verse, and Pastor Matt was very excited to give Pastor Moses the money for their prize. While sorting through the sponsor letters written by the children, several of the teens mentioned how they benefited from these special "Ed" sessions.



Guest Accommodations

Herb Sinden joined local contractor Robert and began renovations in one of the buildings. Funding has begun to come in to create guest accommodations for future visiting teams. New walls, ceilings, windows that can be screened have been installed. Eventually the renovations will make the top building on the property into 3 guest units. Herb learned about Kenyan construction in the area and really enjoyed working alongside Robert who will continue the work. Herb is planning on returning next year to continue on with whatever needs to be done.



We are so privileged to come along side Nancy and Edwin Cahill and be able to invest into these children. I'm already looking forward to our visit next year.

In His Service – Cheryl Hickey

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