



Kenya Mission 2012

St.Mary and
St.John the
Beloved Coptic
Orthodox Church

Kenya Mission Trip

JULY 29- AUGUST 11, 2012

PICKERING, ON

- ❖ Twenty people, under the leadership of Father Daniel Bessada, served on this mission trip in charity, spiritual, and medical services
- ❖ Father Daniel was the spiritual leader, Dr. Hala Demian was the charity leader, and Dr. Samuel Saleeb was the medical leader
- ❖ We took 10 suitcases of medical supplies including an EKG machine, laparoscopic instruments, an electronic urinalysis device, urethral slings, and operating room instruments
- ❖ We took 24 suitcases of clothing, toys, Christian gifts, medications, and vitamins
- ❖ We also took a projector screen, 2 new laptops, a Bose portable speaker system, a megaphone, 2 keyboards, 1 guitar, and a DVD player with many children movies
- ❖ We also took \$10,800.00 cash as donations.



Collecting the luggage and donations in Nairobi airport



Dr. Hala Demian passing out toys at RAHA Kids



First visit at RAHA Kids in Nairobi



The classes at RAHA Kids lining up by age



The cow purchased in Maseno



Liturgy in the Village of Bumamu



Quiet Time on a mountain in Maseno

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Charity Mission

- ❖ We visited Nairobi and Maseno
 - ❖ We visited the RAHA Kids Center in Nairobi, 2 Orphanages in Maseno, A Prison that holds 480 male prisoners, and went on many house visitations
 - ❖ At each place we visited, we donated food, drinks, clothing, and Christian gifts.
 - ❖ We also had a spiritual and fun program for the people of all ages.
 - ❖ We gave gifts to the Coptic Mission Centre members
- ❖ In Maseno, we purchased a cow which will be slaughtered on the feast of St. Mary, August 22, and the meat will feed the poor in the area
 - ❖ The group purchased a bicycle for a 12 year old child who has a great desire to come to the church, but his house is 32 kilometers away from the nearest church
 - ❖ The church paid for 7 students to earn a high school education and for 2 students to earn a college education

Spiritual Mission

- ❖ On the first day of the mission, we took the blessing of Bishop Paul
 - ❖ During the mission, we took the blessing of 2 Egyptian priests serving in Kenya: Fr. Mena and Fr. Elisha, and 6 Kenyan priests serving in the Coptic Church: Fr. Bishoy, Fr. Jacob, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. Thomas, Fr. John, and Fr. Timothy
 - ❖ We prayed 4 liturgies together
 - ❖ We finished studying the first epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy
- ❖ Each day we had Quiet Time from 7-8 AM, Prime prayer from 8-8:30 AM, Reflection from 8:30-9:30 AM, Evening Quiet Time from 6-7 PM, Evening Prayer from 8-8:30 PM, and a Bible Study from 8:30-9:30 PM
 - ❖ Movie night on Sunday Night
 - ❖ Midnight Praises on Saturday Night
 - ❖ Vesper prayers and glorification for St. Mary during St. Mary's fast
 - ❖ We spent one quiet time, prime prayer, and reflection on top of a mountain

Spiritual Mission

- ❖ Singing and praising God as a disciple was the theme of the mission
- ❖ The biggest event was attending a mass in the church of St. Andrew in Bumamu, a village, where 43 people were baptized. The church is a simple hut outdoors and needs to be built.
- ❖ Following the baptism and liturgy, Sunday School classes were held by our group, for all ages
- ❖ Our group set up a feast for the whole church congregation with a lot of food, drinks, gifts, and clothing
- ❖ We also visited a church in the village of Bondo, that is a hut and needs to be built
- ❖ Everywhere we went, we distributed Bibles in the Swahili language and prayer books.

Medical Mission

- ❖ Dr. Saleeb saw 25 Gynecology and Urogynecology cases.
- ❖ All of the cases were complicated and recurrent as the local gynecologist screened all the cases and prepared the most difficult ones
- ❖ Dr. Saleeb performed 10 major surgeries:
 - 4 laparoscopic
 - 2 vaginal with slings
 - 4 abdominal
- ❖ One patient needed a blood transfusion
- ❖ There were no complications
- ❖ All patients were discharged home



Baptism of 43 people in Bumamu



Feeding the congregation beef and rice after the liturgy

Future Projects

- ❖ To build 2 churches; one in Bondo, and one in Bumamu
- ❖ To participate in student education fees (high school and college). Funds will be paid directly to the schools
- ❖ To improve the landscape and to build a gym at the RAHA center in Nairobi



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