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Dear Friends: *Merry Christmas ~ Go Tell It On A Mountain!*

Our **"Africa Hope High 5 Mission Team"** published the **Good News** from Mt. Kilimanjaro the highest mountain in Africa ~ to the lowest Rift Valley of East Africa. For this **"Salvation Safari"** we give **thanks** to you and **glory** to God in Jesus Name. Please enjoy these highlights!



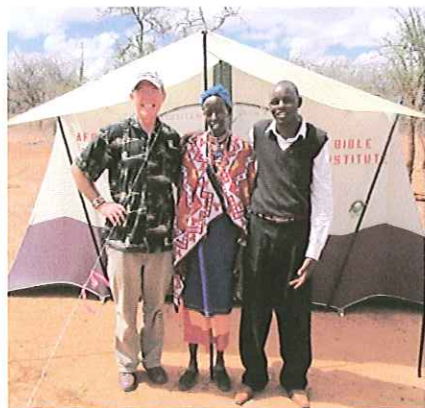
"An African Christmas Story"

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light." ~ Isaiah 9:2

One dark night deep in the Rift Valley in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, two fully armed Maasai brothers crept undetected to plunder the neighboring tribe's cattle. Joseph & Richard were twin brothers being groomed to become Maasai "Moran" warriors. With their faces painted and spears in hand, silently they passed through the bush in stealth mode to reach their rhendevous of attack with their fellow warriors.

Suddenly a great light blinded them. They fell to the ground. Out of the light, a voice spoke calling them to follow the true and living God. They did not make the Maasai rhendevous that night. The raiding party failed, and the other Maasai warriors blamed Joseph and Richard.

The brothers were driven into the wilderness by their fellow "Morans" who hunted them down and beat them severely as traitors. Branded as traitors, Joseph and Richard fled across the wilderness and climbed up Mt. Kilimanjaro to avoid being caught. For many days they hid in the rocks and caves high upon the mountain. As they waited and prayed, the Lord gave Richard a vision. It was a vision of **"Tents"** marching down from the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro across the Rift Valley.



This story took place in 1996 on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Now, 15 years later, Joseph is a Maasai Christian Pastor in Emali, Kenya, and his brother Richard also became a pastor and is now a bishop overseer of Maasai Churches throughout the Rift Valley. The brothers did not understand the vision of the **"Tents" on Kilimanjaro**, and quite forgot about it until October of this year when our Missionary Team climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. Several days later, on October 19th, together with Bishop Richard Keturai and his brother Joseph, we launched the Africa Hope Bible Institute among the Maasai in the Rift Valley.

When our missionary team descended from the summit of Kilimanjaro, we brought four large tents to lodge the Bible School students of the new Rift Valley Bible School. Richard and Joseph and the Maasai people were so thrilled and excited about these four tents, that they appointed a **“President” for each tent** and charged them with the care of each tent much like Moses did in the wilderness. It was then that the Lord reminded Richard of the vision of the tents marching down from the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro across the Rift Valley. God’s ways are higher than our ways. In some small way we helped to fulfill this vision.

“If the vision tarries, wait for it.” ~ Habakkuk 2:3.

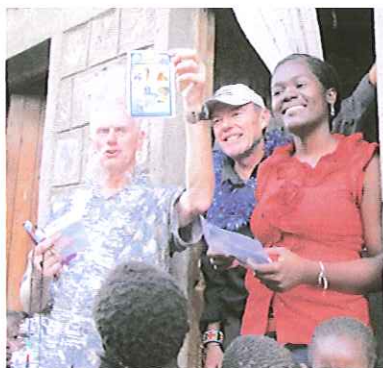


Joseph & Richard were living in darkness when they saw a great light. They now have a passion and vision to set the Rift Valley bush on fire with the Word of God and reach every village with hope in Jesus Name. This is a **Christmas story** than we will shout from the highest mountains and speak of in the deepest valleys. The Lion of Judah is passing through Africa with healing and hope for every rift and valley. **Merry Christmas!**

Dandora, Kenya ~ Africa Hope Ministry To Orphans & Widows

“Pure religion before God our Father is to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” ~ James 1:27

Caroline Sarah is a godly widow who is rescuing orphans and widows in Dandora, Kenya. Our first ministry stop was her “Africa Hope” ministry to 51 orphans and 12 widows. Out of her poverty and affliction, she makes others rich. She rescues, feeds, and teaches the children. She searches diligently to procure and provide food, clothing, shelter, and retroviral drugs for those who are **“Living Positively” with HIV ~ AIDS.**



Our missionary team was welcomed with songs, garlands, and joy. We spent the whole day sharing testimonies, good news, and delivering **“Pure Religion”** in Jesus Name. **“Ministry Gift Bags”** filled to the brim with love by our missionary senders and churches in America were received with tears of joy and thanksgiving. **Northcoast Church in Seaside, Oregon** assembled 8,000 **“Gospel Pearl Bracelets”** which tell the story of Jesus love. During the course of our mission we wrapped countless hands with these

bracelets of love while the Lord filled every heart with hope.

Most of these orphans & widows have never had the opportunity to celebrate the Lord’s Table. For the first time we shared in the Lord’s Supper together in Dandora. After breaking bread and remembering the Lord together, we set out for the Korogocho Slum where we purchased a three month supply of food for the children. We carried huge sacks of rice, beans, flower, sugar, and cooking oil back to stock their empty cupboards. **You gave. We delivered. They received. God was glorified!**





Caroline Sarah serves on the front lines of poverty and death near the largest garbage dump in all of Africa. Just one week after our visit, Caroline's sister, **Florence**, was shot and killed by the Mungiki Gangs who pillage and plunder the poor in the Dandora and Korogocho slums. Please pray for Caroline, Aggrey, Susan and these dear widows and orphans as they dream of heaven and live on the doorstep of hell. Pray for **Psalm 91** protection as Jesus raises up royalty and life out of death in Dandora. God bless you for sending "**Africa Hope**" and "**Pure Religion**" in Jesus Name ~ **1 Samuel 2:8**

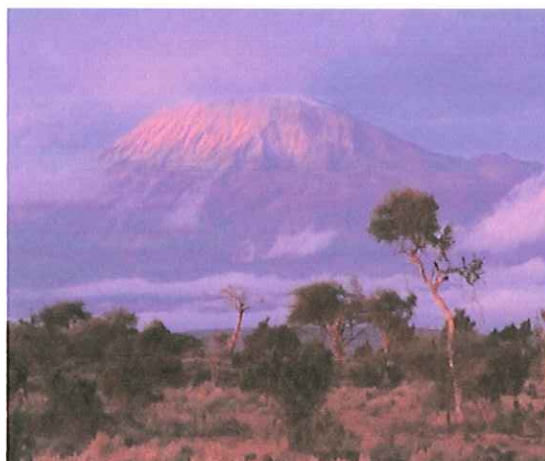
Mt. Kilimanjaro ~ Africa Hope ~ Higher Ground!



Leaving Dandora, Kenya we headed South to Tanzania for higher ground. **We climbed to the highest place in Africa in order to reach the lowest place on earth.** Mt. Kilimanjaro is called the "**Rooftop of Africa**" because it stands taller than any other mountain on the continent of Africa at almost 20,000 feet. The "**Rift Valley**" is the lowest and longest valley in the world. The proceeds from this mission mountain climb helped to launch **Africa Hope Bible Institute in Kenya** on the North slope of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Mt. Kilimanjaro ~ "House of God"

Kilimanjaro means "House of God" in the African dialect, and so we had church on the mountain. We shared the "**Gospel Pearl Bracelets**" with our guides and porters above the clouds, and **seven Tanzanians gave their lives to Jesus!** Together with 34 porters and guides, our climb team started our 7-Day climb at 5,000 ft. and climbed up into thin air reaching the summit at almost 20,000 ft. We climbed through seven micro-climates from arid desert through the humid jungle icy clouds and finally above the clouds. We crossed through canyons, rivers, and streams passing by incredible rock formations, gigantic caves, and glaciers. At 13,000 ft. we climbed into the clouds, and for three days we were wind blown, cold, and soaking wet.



Kilimanjaro Sunrise

We broke out above the clouds into blazing sunshine at 17,000 ft. and dried out almost instantly in the solar radiation. Summit day was a marathon of 16 hours climbing. After climbing all night past 19,000 ft., the Lord was gracious to us, and we reached the summit at dawn on a clear day with no wind. *The air was so thin it was hardly worth breathing.* The temperature on top was a pleasant **minus 25 degrees!**

The great Rift Valley stretched out below us following the curvature of the earth with Kenya to the North, to the South was Tanzania, and the Indian Ocean to the East.



Mwenzi Peak



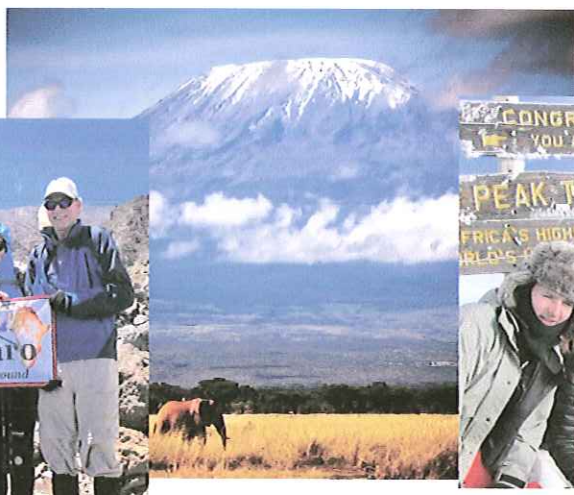
The Snows Of Kilimanjaro

Massive glaciers dominated the summit in every direction. The clouds below continually flowed across the volcanic craters between the mountain peaks forming an ever changing moonscape. The view from the summit was breathtaking. At this height, everything takes your breath away!

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of peace and publish salvation ...” ~ Isaiah 52:7



Rod, Rebecca, Gil, Sarah, Jerry



Mt. Kilimanjaro



Andy, Rebecca, Rod, Alina, Sarah, Clair, Gil

Pressing On To ~ ~ ~ Higher Ground!

"Rift Valley 20/20 Missions Vision" ~ Isaiah 35

The Rift Valley "20/20 Mission Vision" is to reach every village in Maasai Land with the Good News of Jesus Christ by the year 2020.

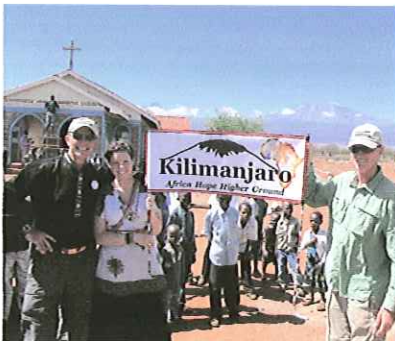
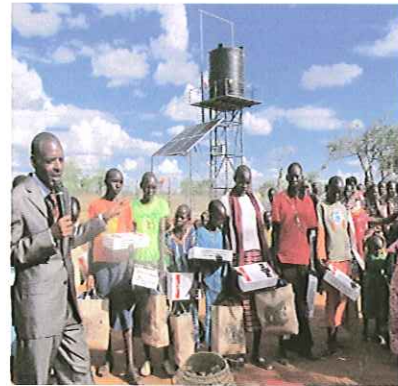


Africa Hope Bible Institute ~ Kenya Rift Valley

Over 200 people came to the opening dedication of the Africa Hope Bible Institute. The four "Tents" which marched down Mt. Kilimanjaro were set up around the church as student dorms for the school. We purchased mattresses, sheets, and blankets to fill each tent to lodge 8-10 people. **23 Students registered for the first class of Africa Hope Bible Institute.**

Children's Church "Streams In The Desert!"

People walked, rode donkeys, bikes, motorcycles, and came from all over the region to celebrate the new water well at the Children's Church in the bush. There was great joy as everyone including the animals came together to celebrate. A solar powered pump draws water up almost 500 ft. to the surface. The celebration lasted all day with prayers, speeches, gifts, feasting, dancing, and singing. Formerly, the people in this region had to walk 14 miles round trip to draw water from a swamp filled with disease and parasites for their water. **Now there are streams of pure water in the desert!**



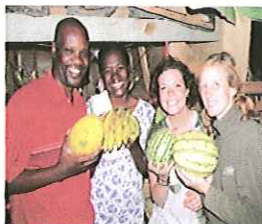
Amboseli Church & Water Well Dedication

On Sunday, the new Amboseli Church and water well were also dedicated. The celebration was attended by the local Chief who was so moved by the ministry and vision of reaching and teaching the Maasai, that **he deeded 10 acres of land right next to the church for a new Christian primary and secondary school ... Just like that!?! Praise the Lord!** The celebration moved into high gear and pretty soon everyone was dancing and baptizing one another with the newly dedicated well water in the 100 degree heat!

Thank You For Sending Africa Hope & Thank You For:

#1 **PRAYING!** Nothing is more essential to spiritual victory!

#2 **LIKING** our **FACEBOOK PAGE** called **AFRICA HOPE MINISTRIES** ~ When you access our pictures, videos, and training materials, join our **Cause** or post comments of encouragement to the people we are serving in Africa ~ This is part of sending "Hope!"



Aggrey, Diane, Sarah, Rebecca

You are making a "World of Difference"

It was a Fruitful Mission!

Merry Christmas!



Sarah & Gil