

Dave Manst



Jambo! (Swahili for Hello!)

It is with great excitement that I announce my upcoming trip to Kenya to work with orphans. I'm looking forward to this opportunity as my first mission trip; it is something that I have been hoping to do for a few years. In March 2012, I'll be traveling to Nairobi, Kenya to serve people living in desperate poverty. This trip will be led by Hope's Promise—an international adoption and orphan care non-profit agency based-in Castle Rock, Colorado. (hopespromise.com)

There are two million orphans in Kenya, an East African country of about 30 million people. Some 5,000 of these children can be found in the Mathare Valley slum; a pit of heartbreak and despair, home to around 600,000 people within six square miles of Nairobi. At the bottom of this human heap of misery are abandoned babies—AIDS orphans cowering in abusive homes and ragged street kids sniffing glue to escape hunger, as well as physical and emotional abuse. Many will enter and leave the world here, perpetuating a vicious cycle of generational poverty and hopelessness.



Hope's Promise has begun to establish "Sanctuaries of Hope" that are permanent homes to orphans from Mathare Valley, with a surrogate Mom and Dad who will raise and educate them. These homes are designed to move towards self-sufficiency in five years through enterprise that employs local workers. One Sanctuary of Hope is run by Pastor and 'Mama' Karau. (Pictured)

I will be engaged in work and educational projects at the two homes in Nairobi that house kids ages 3-9. I will also be spending time in the heart of the slum working with the Mathare Valley Worship Center in a range of activities. And, I will be learning more about the issues surrounding orphans through a trip to a large orphanage run by the Missionaries of Charity; the order founded by Mother Teresa.

This trip costs \$2,800 which includes airfare, in-country travel, lodging food, and the costs of work projects for the homes. I would appreciate your financial partnership with a single, generous gift that can help make this trip a financial reality. Checks can be made-out to the address below with "Kenya Trip for/Dave Manst" in the memo line. If Bill Pay from your bank does not allow a memo, use the account number following Hope's Promise. All tax deductible donations must be sent by check or bill-pay since no online options are available at this time. Contributions received prior to November 1 are most helpful to successfully arrange airfare.

Please partner with me in prayer and/or finances on this faith journey to Africa. If you choose not to receive 100-word prayer updates occasionally, please let me know. I can only begin to imagine how my heart will be changed by the experience I am about to have. I would be honored to have your prayer and/or financial support.

Asante sana! Thank you!

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