



# IMD International, Africa

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## Mission

IMD International is a teaching and training ministry focused on equipping individual believers, ministry groups, leadership persons, and churches as a whole to better carry out their God-given ministry.

## KENYA /SA MEDICAL/PLAYGROUNDS/TRAINING NOVEMBER 11 – 30, 2006



Child in Eldoret getting medical care

*Dear Friends,*

*You know, I stand astounded at those God brings on our path to help with the ministry.*

*Short-term teams find their greatest value and potential within a missionaries long-term vision and strategy.*

*They can do things the missionary is not always resourced or gifted to do. It makes for great 3-way partnership between the missionary, short-term team and the ministry or church on the ground. It has been wonderful to see how practical ministries like putting up children's playgrounds, dental and medical work compliments our long-term goals in Kenya.*



*Although we spend the bulk of our time involved in training, leadership development, evangelism and church planting, it has been a blessing to see how practical ministry is like a bird with two wings. It needs both to fly. Our relationships in Jesus are strengthened when we add legs to the precious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...when we encourage spiritual leaders who run churches, orphanages that we care by practical demonstration that meets needs.*



*Pastor Wilson Kigen was blessed when the Memphis team came and put up a playground at his small orphanage at Eldama Ravine's Children's Village..*



*These local initiatives are started without much outside help, but with a love for God and a desire to express this personally by bringing in children who have lost their parents due to aids or some other tragedy.*

Spence Ray and his team from Memphis not only helped out at Eldama Ravine, but also went to Bungoma and helped out a friend of his at the orphanage called Rehema.

***Many children were blessed by the teams putting up a playground and receiving medical and dental attention.***

The bulk of the **medical/dental** took place in Eldoret itself at Pioneer Community church. **Over 1000 patients were seen in 3 days.** Many rotten teeth were extracted and many diseases and ailments treated by the doctors.



**Pastor Daniel did a great job in organizing Aids testing and counseling as well as lab testing to take blood smears and**

**identify certain sicknesses.** This with doctors who share the gospel helped Pioneer Community Church to continue having credibility as a church that cares for people.

The church was also blessed with a playground for their children and they plan to open a crèche sometime in the future.



Many thanks to Spence Ray and his team, as well as all involved.

I was also treated to a few days in the Masaaai Mara National Park which was awesome. A truly grand African experience!. By far the best park I have ever been to. Thanks Spence!!

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## **STAGE II**

The team left and **Rob Booth** (an IMD Intl board member), flew in to join me in traveling north again via public transport. We went first up to **Mt. Elgon** where we met with 21 leaders. These were from the **Sabaot tribe** which is classified as a **least reached people group**. We did the **Chronological Training** with them, an abridged version of Creation to Christ. The leaders were really appreciative and open to receive God's Word. Seeing the **WHOLE BIBLE as ONE STORY....His Story**, really impacted them. We pulled out leadership principles from the lives of God's great Old Testament leaders, showed them Christ in the Old Testament and how the Shadows and Types found fulfillment in Our Lord Jesus Christ.



We were blessed by their response and please pray for them as they take this to their churches.

We left Mt. Elgon with deep sense of God touching the leaders lives and went to Marigat in the Baringo area.

*What a joy to teach the same material to 29 brothers from different tribes. Tugen, Pokot, Chamus, Kalingen, Nandi, Tugen, Kikuyu and Turkana were all present. They were just as receptive to those up on Mt. Elgon. Eyes were wonderfully opened regarding God's Word. We praise God for this.*

*The brethren from Marigat want a Woman's conference as well, so that leader's wives can also have input. Outreaches discussed and planned to reach some Sumburu villages in the forest on the edge of Mt. Elgon and to walk into Uganda to strengthen churches across the border in Uganda.*



Rob with leaders in Kenya

*Please pray for right timing, God's agenda to be fulfilled. I need some tough teams to do the walks.*

*We thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus for His great love for the nations and allowing us to reach out on His behalf. Ministry is sometimes tough, but always exciting.*

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*Whilst Rob and I ministered in Kenya, **Rob's wife, Amy visited with Jeni in South Africa** and they visited two of the pre-schools that we are partnering with, as well as some potential pre-schools in Thamahanzi.*

*They shared at a conference in Mapela, where six of the districts Baptist churches gathered. The ladies were hungry for teaching and they themselves organized a follow-up meeting for Amy in Mapela the following week. Amy also played 'aunt' during this busy time of the year where school and year end activities were the order of the day. Thanks Amy.*

*God is Good...Amen!*



Amy at Ngwenani Baptist Pre-School



Jeni & Amy with Baptist district ladies



Teaching at Mapela conference

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*Love in Jesus  
Koos Basson and THE IMD TEAM*