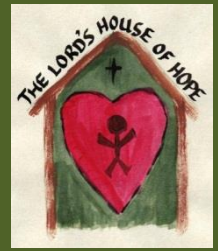


The Lord's House of Hope

"Now glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope." - Ephesians 3:20

January 2014



Traveling to Kenya!

Judy (Director), her husband Tom, along with Holly and Jolie (visitors) have traveled from Wisconsin to Kenya to visit the orphanage. Joe (Director) and Jung also traveled to the orphanage. When the team got to the airport, they had quite a surprise waiting for them. Note that airline travelers cannot have any baggage that weighs more than 50 pounds. Here was what our travelers had:

- Box of Sporting Equipment 50 pounds.
- Box of Quilts 49 pounds
- Toms suitcase 50 pounds
- Judys suitcase 50 pounds
- Bible suitcase 50 pounds
- Another Bible suitcase 50 pounds

Now for the most amazing part: **ALL baggage was paid for by Delta Airlines!!** HIS love and guidance is AMAZING!!!

Upon arrival, the children who did not visit their relatives for the holidays were in the Guard Tower. When the team got out of the car songs of Jesus were coming from the Tower.....what a wonderful welcome!

Some of the team's activities include:

- Blowing up the donated balls and handing out the sporting equipment.
- Playing "Pig", "Horse" and "Lightening" with the children!! (You may recall those school yard basketball games.)
- Tom and Joe introducing the children to baseball. What a great way to share an American pastime to eager children on the other side of the world.
- Holly and Jolie, some of the children and staff will work on painting projects.

The team also visited the local village of Kibera to see the "One Room" school where it all started.

While at the Lord's House of Hope, the group will also visit local high schools to gather information; take some of the children to visit the doctor; travel to the market to purchase additional supplies; and add some much needed towel racks.

One night everyone watched a movie – what a treat. Joe brought a projector and everyone gathered upstairs in the computer room to watch a movie and have popcorn no doubt the kids were soooooo excited!!

As you are reading this, all the visitors have returned back to the US except for Judy who plans to stay a couple extra weeks.

New Year Wishes!

"It's a New Year and with it comes a fresh opportunity to shape our world.

So this is my wish, a wish for me as much as it is a wish for you: in the world to come, let us be brave - let us walk into the dark without fear, and step into the unknown with smiles on our faces. And whatever happens to us, whatever we make, whatever we learn, let us take joy in it. We can find joy in the world if it's joy we're looking for, we can take joy in the act of creation. So that is my wish for you, and for me. Bravery and joy."

— [Neil Gaiman](#)



TLHOH Mission: to provide a home where orphaned children feel safe and loved. Through spirit focused care, are given hope and are nurtured to love others.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHANAGE 2013



Christmas Time

(from the staff)

"A Christmas party was planned. Preparations for the party had begun after receiving the sponsor's donations. It was a great experience as we (the staff) accompanied the children to shop for Christmas clothes. It's so fulfilling to see all kids look smart. Supplies for the day were bought in advance to make the day successful.

At Six o'clock the party began with some worship songs to thank God for the time and for carrying us through. We had a dance session where the children battled out to emerge victorious. The participants received some goodies.

Margaret, a friend of Badi's who was in attendance narrated the story of the birth of Jesus and we all followed through. The narration was accompanied by different Christmas carols which everyone participated in singing.

Joe shared short remarks and officially passed greetings from TLHOH family in the US and around the world.

We had a lot to eat and drink. Two goats had been slaughtered for the occasion, pilau and chapatis were also served.

The kids had prepared some presentations and everybody enjoyed and clapped along as the children sang.

The kids then received their Christmas cards, gifts and stocking items from the sponsors. We had some more time to play and dance and thank God for His blessings.

It was an awesome party and we can't thank all the supporters of the orphanage enough.

May God abundantly bless you and may you never lack!"



Don't let the map below confuse you. It's simply showing just how big Africa really is. Notice just how many countries can fit inside the continent of Africa. Quite amazing!

The "West Wing" has an interesting clip regarding maps currently in our Social Studies books. If interested check out this 4 minutes clip: [CLICK HERE](#)

The True Size of Africa

A small contribution in the fight against rampant *immappancy*, by Kai Krause

Graphic layout for visualization only (some countries are cut and rotated)
But the conclusions are very accurate: refer to table below for exact data.

COUNTRY	AREA x 1000 km ²
China	9.597
USA	9.629
India	3.287
Mexico	1.964
Peru	1.285
France	633
Spain	506
Papua New Guinea	462
Sweden	441
Japan	376
Germany	357
Norway	324
Italy	301
New Zealand	270
United Kingdom	243
Nepal	147
Bangladesh	144
Greece	132
TOTAL	30.102
AFRICA	30.221

In addition to the well known social issues of *illiteracy* and *innumeracy*, there also should be such a concept as "*immappancy*", meaning *insufficient geographical knowledge*.

A survey with random American schoolkids let them guess the population and land area of their country. Not entirely unexpected, but still rather unsettling, the majority chose "1-2 billion" and "largest in the world", respectively.

Even with Asian and European college students, geographical estimates were often off by factors of 2-3. This is partly due to the highly distorted nature of the predominantly used mapping projections (such as *Mercator*).

A particularly extreme example is the worldwide misjudgement of the true size of *Africa*. This single image tries to embody the massive scale, which is larger than the *USA*, *China*, *India*, *Japan* and *all of Europe*..... combined!

Top 100 Countries

Area in square kilometers, Percentage of World To
Sources: Britannica, Wikipedia, Almanac 20





Looking Ahead

TLHOH Board: the Board met for the first time in the Fall of 2013. The purpose of this meeting was to meet/get to know each other, to update the current events at the orphanage, and to carve out a common focus/goals for the upcoming year.

Some exciting things discussed by the Board: Fundraising ideas, Communication strategies, Operations management, Sponsor engagement, and Community engagement.

The Board participated in a Goal/Focus Activity which began the process of creating specific goals in the areas of Child Development, Operations, Finance, and Infrastructure (land/building). This will be an ongoing process and as goals are solidified they will be shared in the newsletter.

Some of the accomplishments of the past year include creation of an Operations Manual for staff in Kenya, Guest Manual for those wish to visit/volunteer at the orphanage, yearly Operating budget, successful Golf Outing, monthly staff reports, monthly mailings from the US (sponsors), marketing video, and Facebook page.

The Board meets quarterly, so keep an eye out in future newsletters as their work unfolds.



Geofery painting



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