



How You Can Take Part

- Pray
- Travel to Kenya with a Covenant work team
- Contribute financially toward materials for the building projects and to meet Kenyans' needs as encountered by travel teams
- Contribute your time and talents. Some ways to do this: help gather items the travel team will need (school supplies, screws, paintbrushes); help paint banners; knit or sew simple items such as hats or aprons
- Support others who are led to go by giving toward their travel expenses



Kenya Building Projects

Covenant teams began traveling to Kenya in 2004. Church and school projects include*:

PCEA Membley Church
 PCEA Olongonot Church
 PCEA Darasha Church
 PCEA Chemi Chemi Church
 PCEA Kanderendu Church
 PCEA Immanuel Church
 PCEA Ganze Township Church
 PCEA Anmer Church
 PCEA Imani Church
 PCEA Huruma Church
 PCEA Emmanuel Church - Thika West
 Kinoo Primary School
 Kimelok School
 Ahadi School
 Kabete Educational Centre
 Makadara School
 Ganze School & Rescue Center
 Greenville School
 Kirathimo Preschool
 Olkaria School
 PCEA Kianjau Church vocational/S. school classrooms
**Funds for 2 additional church buildings were provided anonymously by a Covenant member*

Continue to pray for them!

Join Covenant's Kenya Mission

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Partnerships

About every two years, a team from Covenant travels to Kenya to assist with church and school buildings, joining with church members there and in recent years, with members of First Pres EPC in West Point, MS.

We work through The Outreach Foundation (www.theoutreachfoundation.org) and its mission consultants Stu and Annie Ross. The Outreach Foundation partners with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA).

Each building project is a true partnership, with the individual Kenyan church providing the land and funds for the foundation, and Covenant through its budget providing funds for the structure.



What is a Kenya mission trip like?

A typical 12-13 day trip is centered around two building projects: a house of worship for a church and a classroom building for a PCEA-sponsored school. Our work is to raise the *mabati* (corrugated metal) walls and paint doors, windows and chalkboards alongside members of the local church. On Sunday after completing the church, we worship there with its members and others in the community. We also pay visits to orphanages and homes for street children or girls rescued from early marriage. A safari is included at the end.



Team Living Conditions

Our teams are usually based in Kikuyu, a suburb of Nairobi, but have also worked and stayed in areas near the coast and Mt. Kenya and Lake Naivasha. Living quarters are very basic but clean and safe, with power and running water. Meals generally consist of meat, rice, vegetables and fruit, with our Kenyan church hosts providing the noon meal. Except in remote areas, most Kenyans speak English as well as Swahili and a tribal tongue. The climate varies with location and time of year but tends to be drier and less warm than Mississippi in summer.



Why send teams and not just money?

Most simply, because Christ commands it in Matthew 28:19: “GO, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Not everyone is called to go to Kenya – the mission field for some is as near as the school next door. But in a developing country, a group of Americans showing up as servants is a visible sign of the love of Christ and the brotherhood that believers share. Our presence is an encouragement to Kenyan Christians and a curiosity to others, which opens doors for sharing the Gospel.

It is important, too, to see how God is at work beyond our own corner of the world and to learn from the faith of others.

