



# Chege Outreach Ministries Int'l

*That your WAYS be known on earth, Your SALVATION among all the nations. Psalm 67:2*

From August 15-30, 2013, Bishop Joshua Chege and a US Mission Team were privileged to minister in several of the First Baptist Churches of Kenya. The Americans accompanying Bishop Joshua were: Bishop John Mitchell Sr. from Omaha, Nebraska; Pastor Craig Nelson from Kennan, Wisconsin; and Pastor John and Janet Lindblom from Winter, Wisconsin.



Upon arriving in Kenya, we first visited Kijabe and paid tribute to Hannah Chege, Bishop Joshua's beloved wife, who went Home to be with Jesus on February 13, 2012. We gathered with family and church members at Hannah's grave site for the reading of Psalm 1. Then prayers were offered for the continued fruitfulness of the Lord's work established by the Chege ministry and an avocado tree was planted in Hannah's memory.





On Saturday, August 17, the mission team was blessed to join a spiritually-rich women's and men's conference at the First Baptist Church of Mirera (near Naivasha). Having been covered by prayer, the time of praise and worship and sharing of the Word was powerful. The women fed from the book of Ruth, meditating on the rewards of spiritual faithfulness and obedience. Both at the conference and in the next day's Sunday worship service, Bishop Joshua emphasized that "our King's business is urgent" (Matthew 21:28, "Go out and work today in the vineyard."). Preaching from Genesis 26:12-18 the Bishop explained that, just as in Abraham and Isaac's time, enemies have come and filled in our Christian wells, attempting to cover up the truths of the Word of God. Now is the time we Isaacs must unstop these wells, so our children and our children's children can drink of the pure Living Water of Jesus Christ.



**NAIVASHA - MEN AND WOMEN CONFERENCE**

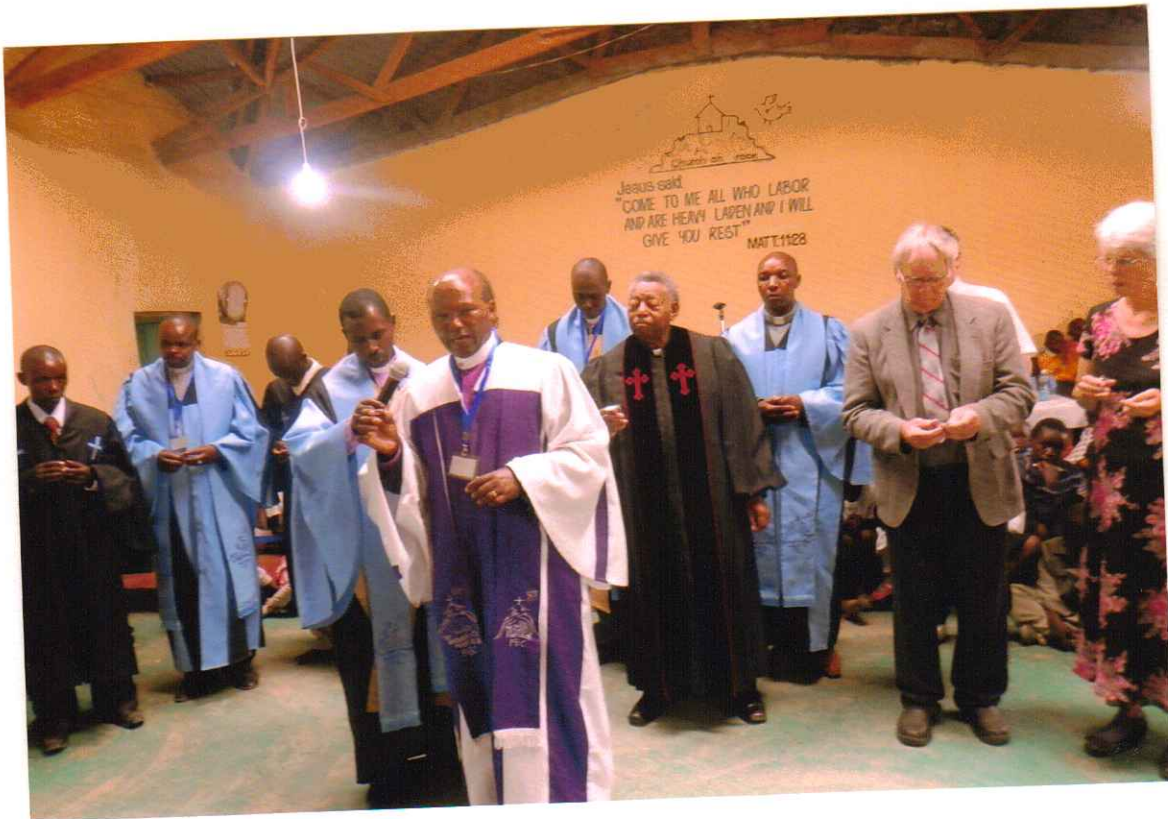
At the Mirera Sunday service, Bishop Joshua and the local pastors were presented with ministerial robes. Bishop Joshua preached about the priestly garments from Exodus 28 and Bishop John Mitchell prayed to consecrate these robes to the Lord's service. Those receiving them were urged to "let the children see these garments being worn not for decoration but by servants of the Lord who carry the people always in their hearts before the Lord". Also, during the Mirera service: men and women called to intercessory prayer were recognized; a newborn baby was dedicated to the Lord; the American mission team shared music and testimonies; the Lindbloms distributed "I Love Jesus" hats, scarves, and pencils; and a very special Holy Communion was celebrated in unity by the believers.

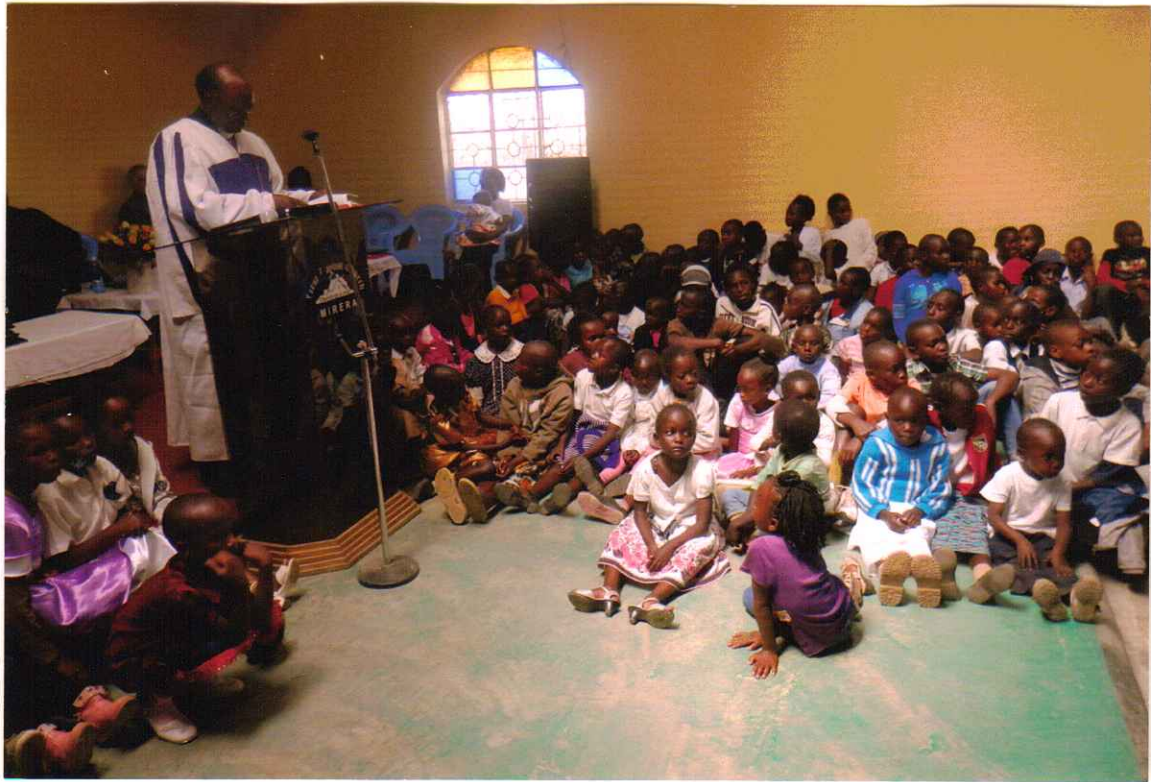


Later that Sunday, and at other times throughout this 2 week visit, Bishop Joshua spent time with the local pastors, instructing and encouraging them in their callings. In addition to ministering in the Word and song, Pastor Craig Nelson distributed discipleship materials and used every opportunity to apply his business and technical wisdom to local plans for greenhouse construction, youth outreaches involving computers, and other God-given visions.



Dedication of children, Pastors, wives, bible discussion groups and Holy Communion Fellowship









The week of August 19, the mission team traveled toward Nakuru, first stopping to encourage Pastor James and the faithful congregation at Lanet. Next we visited a future church and health care site near Molo, praising the Lord for the Governor's letter of favor and claiming this property for Jesus' good purposes.



Dedication of the Health Clinic Site at Molo-Nakuru

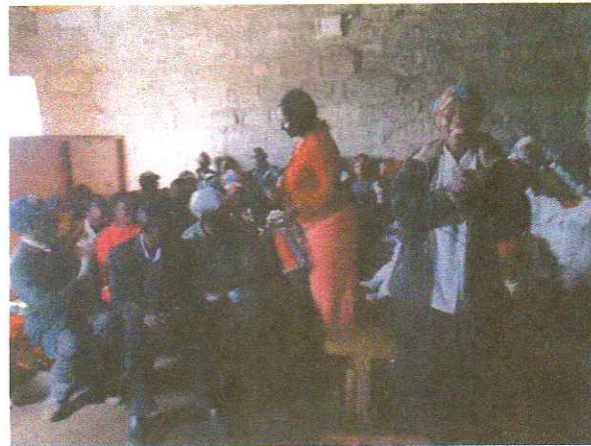
The second Sunday of our Kenya trip found us at Eldoret, praying for the rain to stop so the church road might dry enough to allow the weekend conference to continue. In the meantime, Bishop Joshua met with local pastors in improvised quarters, sharing Colossians 4:12 and 17, and emphasizing the importance now of being strengthened by the Word and prayer and the Holy Spirit and of standing together in spiritual unity. The highlight of the conference occurred Sunday morning when Bishops Joshua Chege and John Mitchell Sr. stood together in a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the First Baptist Church of Kenya at Mailinne near Eldoret. Bishop Joshua and Bishop John have ministered together in Kenya for well over a decade; John Mitchell has witnessed many church openings and his love for and by Kenyans makes him claim this country as his “roots”!



Dedication of the NEW church - Eldoret



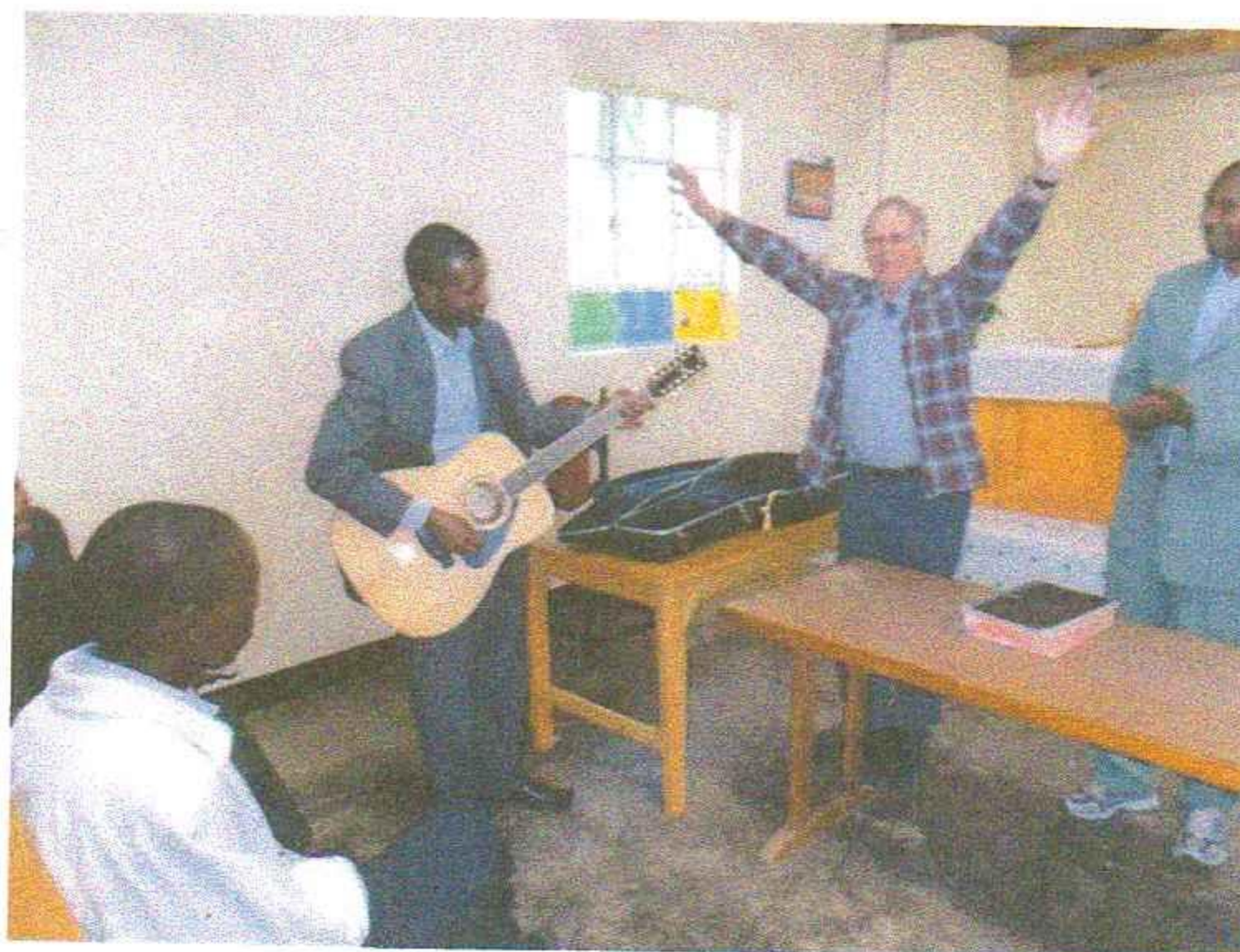
Later in the week, we worshipped with Pastor and Mrs. Kuria and the congregation at Ol kalou. We heard of the big vision the Lord gave this pastor's wife to build a fruitful Christian fellowship there. Recalling Proverbs 29:18 ("Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."), Bishop Joshua attributed this church's rapid growth in numbers to the fact that a vision anointed by the Lord will be fulfilled by Him. Upon viewing a letter notifying this church that they must soon vacate their temporary premises, Bishop Joshua was reminded of the Bible account where King Hezekiah brought an adverse letter into the Temple before the Lord and cried out in prayer for Divine intervention (II Kings 19:14-19). The mission team gathered together, laid hands on the letter of eviction, and agreed for the Lord to provide a permanent dwelling place for His people. Bishop Joshua then told the congregation to speedily locate a plot of land upon which to build and "we will trust the Lord to open the windows of Heaven" (Malachi 3:10) with financial provision; for "nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37), "the God of peace will soon crush Satan underneath your feet" (Romans 16:20) and "when God opens a door no one can shut it" (Revelation 3:7)!



In addition to times of worship and the Word, each church present at the Eldoret conference received their official government registration certificate. There was great thanksgiving when Pastor Nathan was introduced, representing the exciting outreach of this fellowship of churches into the country of Uganda. There was also sweet fellowship over the shared celebration of communion, rejoicing at the dedication of several babies, and a time of ministry in prayer for those in need of healing. Finally, Bishop Joshua was led by the Lord to exhort the people at Eldoret to plan for construction of a much larger facility, even one that would hold 500-800 people!



The last church visited on this mission trip was the Chege ministries initial “mother church” at Maingi. Reciting Ecclesiastes 11:6 “In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.”, Bishop Joshua praised the Lord for seeds that have brought forth much fruit in Kenya and now even in America! Pastor John Lindblom presented the church with the gift of a 12-string guitar, which Pastor Jonah immediately used to play “This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24)! With hearts of thanksgiving and unity, we prayed for Jesus' Church in Kenya and America with the words of Ephesians 3:16-19, “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”.



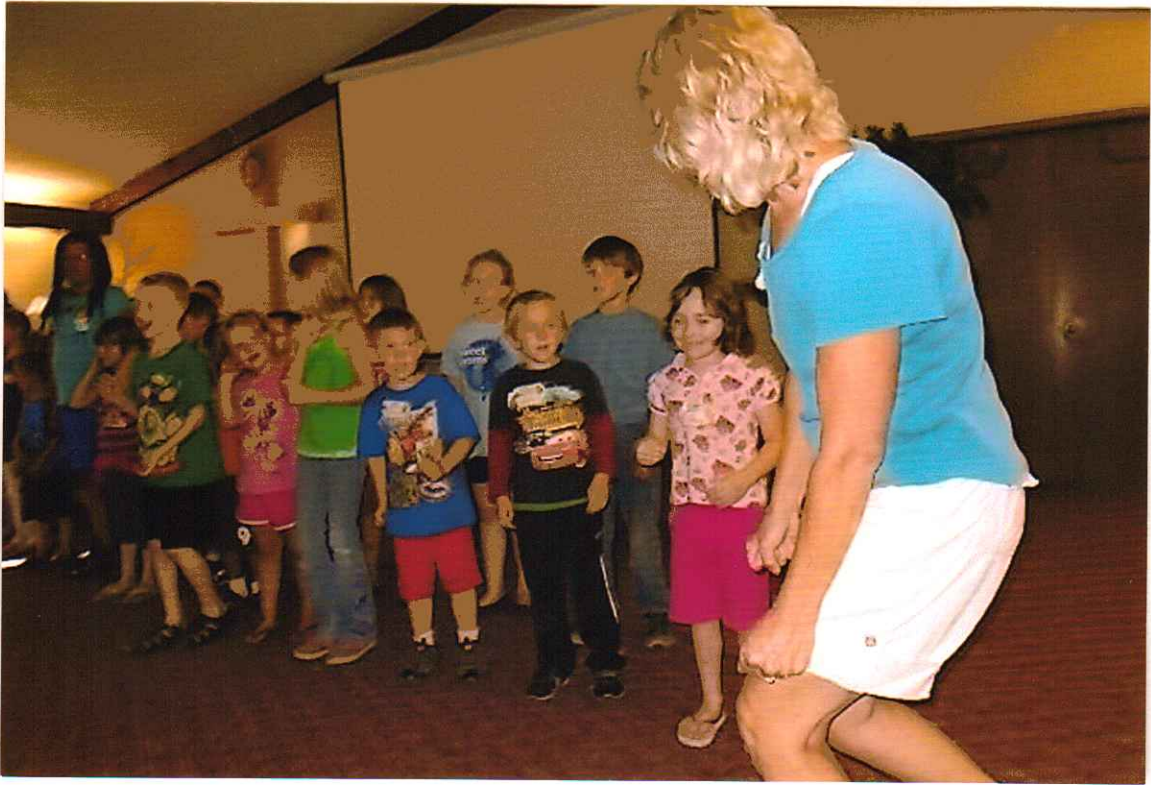
Evangelical Free Church



Vacation Bible School 2013 Horse Riding



Joshua with the Vacation Bible School class - horse riding



**An urgent prayer request** Bishop Joshua has asked us to bring before the Lord from this mission trip is for the provision of \$2000 to honor the government request to start immediate work on a new church and medical dispensary at Molo! We are also praying that greenhouse construction at Naivasha will be underway soon, supplying needed food production for church members and the community. In addition, the Lord's favor is needed to obtain about \$4000 by year-end 2013 for purchase of two plots of land at Ol kalou where a church and pastor's home will be built.

P.S. Throughout this trip, the American mission team was refreshed by the Lord's strong presence in the Christian nation of Kenya. How wonderful it was: to hear people speak of the commitment of their Christian President; to see recently persecuted people now walking victoriously in forgiveness through Christ; to meet so many young but mature pastors; to witness 3 or even 4 generations of a family worshipping together (and continuing to pass on Biblical family names like Samuel, Leah, Jonah, James, Isaiah, Eunice, Joshua, Ruth, Miriam, Cephas, Elizabeth, Joseph, David, and Nathan); to see children and youth ministering in song and dance; to share in fervent prayer and worship with sincere believers of all ages; to see so many Christian stickers on vehicles and Christian names on storefronts! Proverbs 14:34 says "Righteousness exalts a nation" and surely Kenya will know the favor of the Lord as she continues to openly follow Jesus.

Finally, we thank you so much for your prayers and financial support.  
What you invest in building the Kingdom of God will bear the lasting fruit.  
Please, contact us and visit our website for more details.

Yours in HIS Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Kahikira", written in dark ink. The signature is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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