

The Contact...

If you are interested in this mission trip or desire more information, please contact:

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Our Motto:

"We go to serve and to learn"



2011 Team: Left to Right

Marvin & Mary Ellen Miller
Joan Butler, Jeannetta Mouncey,
Joan Verboys, Jane and Bob Barr,
Al and Judi Cline, Monte Cline



Teaching the use of the solar ovens



Helping to prepare lunch

View of existing church building
(on left)
beside new building



Helping to raise
roof trusses

Sifting sand
for later use



Welcome dance
before dinner



Cheetah family
seen on safari



THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

of

First Presbyterian Church

Sarasota, Florida

Announces

The Sixth
Mission Trip

to

KENYA
East Africa



If you have never left your footprints on
Africa's soil, your touch on its people and
prayed under its skies...
we invite you to join our journey!

FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 2
2012

The Task...

To assist in the final stages of construction of a new place of worship for Ruku Presbyterian (PCEA) Church in the highlands of Kenya.

Stages of Construction



2011



The Country...

Some Facts About Kenya

- Located in East Africa
- Borders the Indian Ocean between Somalia and Tanzania
- About the size of Texas
- Population: 40.8 million
- Made up of 42 ethnic groups
- Gained independence from England in 1963
- Only 7% of the land is arable
- Spoken languages are Swahili, English and their own ethnic language
- 40% Protestant 30% Catholic 7% Muslim 20% indigenous beliefs
- 63% of the population live beneath the poverty line
- Over 50% unemployment rate

Since the average Kenyan struggles to survive, to take on a project such as constructing a church building, outside help is most needed and greatly appreciated. In 2005 we partnered with the Ruku Presbyterian Church (PCEA) Limuru Presbytery--Ngecha Parish, to help them with the construction and financing of a worship facility. They are presently worshiping in a small tin building on the property. The new church building is being constructed of stone and seats some 200 persons. A mission team from First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota has traveled to this part of Kenya five times, since 2005. Mission team members help with tasks of all kinds--preparing meals for the workers, assisting in the construction of the church building, visiting in homes and fellowshiping with church members. The labor provided by the team is not overly strenuous. Being there in person is what is most appreciated.

"One trip can change your world"

The Accommodations...

For the majority of the time the team will be housed at Brackenhurst, a retreat center beautifully located among rolling hills and surrounded by tea plantations.

The Cost...

- Round-trip airfare: approximately \$1500
- Per diem \$1900-\$2000 - Includes all costs for our daily transportation and meals, plus all additional transportation, meals and lodging for 4 days of safari.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

The Leaders...

Marvin and Mary Ellen Miller

Marvin and Mary Ellen spent 3 years in Kenya as teachers in a school for missionary children. During those years, in addition to their teaching assignments, they traveled widely in Kenya, learning to know the Kenyan people and their culture. They spent time in the rain forest, climbed mountains (including Mt. Kenya), went fishing on a "dhow" (an old Arabian boat) in the Indian Ocean, and nearly capsized when strong winds came up! They can help to make this mission endeavor an enjoyable and inspirational experience.

Someone has said, ***"There are places you leave, and places that never leave you."***
Kenya is one of those places.

