

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. - Isaiah 61:3

It has been an incredible summer and fall is already crazy. From church camp, to church camp, to Mexico, to Kenya we have seen the Lord do some amazing things this summer, but today I want to focus on one of the awesome things that God is doing - The Mattaw Children's Village. Let me start with a story about how and why we are building the children's village in Kenya. In the Spring of 2005, after traveling to South Africa with us, two young ladies from our ministry team, Kimberly McKinney and Julie Mustard called me up and said they wanted to meet with me about something really important. I had no idea what I was about to get myself into, but I agreed to hear them out. They were so passionate and excited after returning home from Africa and they communicated to me that they felt like the Lord had called them to go back

to Africa, this time Kenya, to help organize and operate a children's orphanage there. I listened to them share their vision and I recognized the look in their eyes- I had seen it in the mirror many times- a look that can best be described as a nervous excitement, an inward battle between fear and faith. After listening to these two 21 year old girls, I knew that I had to build their faith and help them defeat their fear. So I encouraged them to go, and I told stories of how God had called me to do crazy things like quit really good jobs to pursue Him in faith. I was feeling pretty good about myself- about the wisdom



I was dishing out, about the "faith" walk I had so bravely traveled, about the awesome things I had accomplished for the Lord. They listened intently, and then they hit me with it. They did not come to talk with me because they were having trouble with their faith, they came to see if my faith even still worked. They communicated to me that not only did they want to go to this orphanage in Kenya, but that they wanted Katalyst Ministries to send them, to build sponsors for the children, to support them, and to be their covering for the ministry. I immediately heard that familiar sound- you know "beep, beep, beep." It was me trying to back up as quickly as possible. I had just talked to them about faith and trusting God and stepping out of the boat, and now they were asking me to step out with them. Immediately, I pulled out the card that is always the proverbial ace up my spiritual sleeve and told them that I would pray about it and get back to them.

In the next couple of weeks, I found myself restating over and over the "vision" statement for Katalyst Ministries to the Lord, and I reminded Him that no where in the vision statement did it say anything about orphans in Texas much less in Kenya. When I considered the enormous task they were asking me to join them in (even though, I was not the one sleeping in a hut with no running water), it was my own words about faith and trusting God that kept pounding in my head. Then one day in prayer it hit me, no I mean it literally hit me- He hit me. God reminded me not so gently that if the vision of Katalyst Ministries was not to bind up the broken hearted, to clothe the naked, to give water to the

thirsty, or to care for the least of these, then the vision of Katalyst Ministries was not the same as the Lord's vision for his people on this earth. He reminded me through His word that He had called me to set the captives free and to make disciples of all nations. I was a bit overwhelmed by my own arrogance as I often can be, and I relented to the truth. Actually, I more or less move forward kicking and screaming and in all reality, for the first year of their time there, I did it very poorly. But God is faithful and gracious to His own and He began to inspire in my heart a passion to bind up the broken hearted not just in Kenya but around every corner. Today Julie works as a coach here in the States and Kimberly is now married to her partner in missions, Bud Huffman and they live fulltime in Kenya. (Right now Kim and Bud are State side expecting their first

child and will return home to Kenya in January 2008) After months of living in huts, eating "who know's what", dealing with sickness and the everyday spiritual attacks of our enemy, I am so excited to say that today we are living out the dream of those two young girls together- a vision that I know is pure and undefiled in the eyes of the Lord.

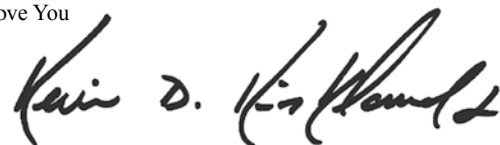
In April of 2007, we partnered with a ministry called the Imagine Network and purchased almost 7 acres of land in Kitale, Kenya that will serve as the future sight of the Mattaw Children's Village. As of today, we have almost completed the first of six house units

that will be the homes to 12 children and two adults a piece. I just returned from the very plot of land that will be the training ground for a group of orphaned children to become children of the King and strong life giving disciples of Jesus. I hope that this newsletter helps paint a picture of that dream for you and inspires a dream in your own heart. The kind of dream that challenges you to trust God with everything and causes you to hold on tight.

Please continue to pray for us as our fall calendar is very full with revivals, retreats, and Katalyst weekends. As of today, we have decided to discontinue our weekly college Bible study until we gain more direction from the Lord and the support we need see it accomplish the vision God birthed in us. Please also continue to pray for the provision we need financially to chase after the dreams in our hearts and to continue to do events wherever God leads. Kimberly, Kaiden, and Kait Bug send their love and gratitude for your prayers and support. When you hear God call, run hard after HIM and remember that what you have done to the "least of these" you have done to your Father in heaven.

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Love You





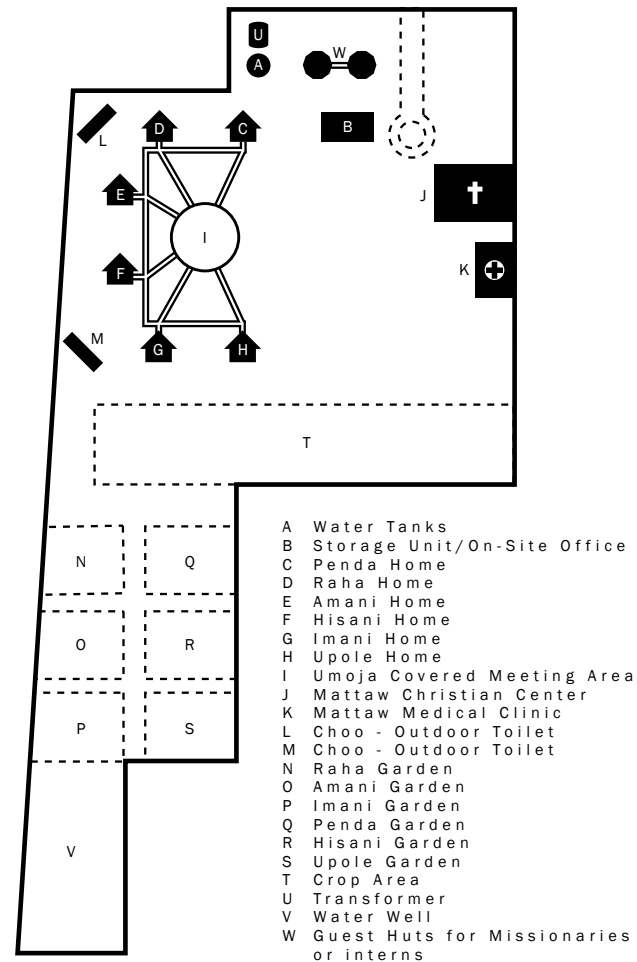
Kenya, Africa

There are currently 1.9 million orphans in the country of Kenya, Africa. Since the summer of 2005, Katalyst Ministries has been working to decrease that number. After spending the past two years working along side another ministry to operate a children's home, we have recently partnered with the Imagine Network to build and operate a brand new children's village in Kitale, Kenya. When complete, the village will house around seventy orphans in six homes living as families along side their house parents.



What is Mattaw?

Mattaw is the Hebrew word for 'garden' or a 'planting' that is found in Isaiah 61:3. This scripture describes the motivation of our hearts. Our desire is to bind up the broken hearted, to set free from prison the captives, and to comfort those that mourn. Our prayer is that the living God will use us to bestow on these children a crown of glory instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Our mission is our commission. We are in Kenya to see these children grow into life giving disciples of King Jesus that they will one day be called oaks of righteousness, a garden (Mattaw) of the Lord for the display of His splendor.



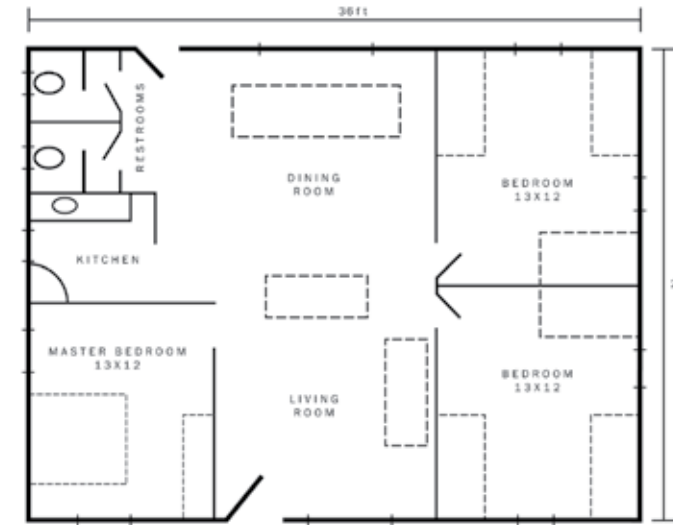
Who is there?

We currently have a young husband and wife in Kenya named Bud and Kimberly Huffman. Both Bud and Kimberly served on Katalyst Ministry teams before moving to Kenya to head up this work. We are praying right now for another couple to join them in the near future as long term missionaries.

How can we help?

Pray. More than anything please pray as we seek to honor God and grow disciples. Right now we are seeking churches that would partner with us in helping get the overall construction of the village completed. By the end of 2007 we will have sponsorship packets available for churches that are interested in funding the construction of the village. From linens to bricks to the kitchen sink, churches will be able to fund individual pieces of the construction or the entire build. We are also currently seeking sponsors for our long term missionaries in Kenya. These sponsorships go directly to our missionaries in the form of salaries, housing, and other needs while on the field in Kenya and here in the states. Our hope is that by the end of 2007, we will be offering our first child sponsorship packages that will allow individuals or groups to sponsor children by name. These sponsorships will be around \$35 a month and will be used to supply each child with the tools they need to grow into incredible disciples of King Jesus.

One Home Unit



This is the blueprint for one home unit to be built in the Mattaw Children's village. One of the things that makes this unique is that children do not live in dorm style homes. There will be a maximum of twelve children living in a home with a set of house parents. We are discipling and training house parents right now in Kenya. As you will notice on the overall drawing, each home unit has a specific name. The homes are given Swahilee names for the fruits of the spirit- a garden is only as good as its fruits and we are certain that God is preparing an incredible crop of Penda (love), Raha (joy), Amani (peace), Hisani (kindness), Imani (faithfulness), and Upole (gentleness).

The round structure that is sitting between the homes is an open air covered area designed to be a meeting place for the families for meals, worship, or just to be together. It is appropriately named Umoja which is the Swahili word for "unity." Our first home unit, the Penda home should be completed by the end of 2007. We can build a unit like the home unit pictured here and completely furnish it for \$15,000. The overall construction cost of the village including, six home units, six gardens, a storage building and office, guest huts for missionaries or interns, a medical clinic, a chapel, a good water supply and transformer for electricity is estimated at around \$170,000.



The first home unit - The Penda Home is near completion.

You can find out more on our website about the entire vision and about how you can be a part of this incredible work.



It is finally here.

I am very excited to be saying that, and I am very excited about the potential of this book. I feel certain that God is going to use this study and its unique method to change many lives. "I AM DEAD" is a brand new month long small group/ devotional guide with a unique twist. The book contains 31 devotions and real life challenges that teach believers what a life IN CHRIST should look like. In a world where Christianity has been taught as a self help theory, this book takes people to a place where salvation truly lives- in a life that is dead to the world, and alive IN CHRIST. The language is simple enough for students and powerful enough for adult community groups. "I AM DEAD" is not a devotional that you read, it is one that you live. If you would like to get some copies for your self or your church, please contact us.

Here's a sample:

Matthew 6:3 "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing that your alms may be in secret..." This is a good one and really hard for me. Today you are not giving alms, but this passage reminds us to do good deeds to serve rather than to be noticed. Today, clean the bathroom in your house without telling anyone. If you normally clean the bathroom in your house, then do something else. Get your wife's car washed or clean a friend's house, but whatever you do, leave no clue that it was you. **When we allow the love of Christ to compel us we will not care if anyone knows our good works.** Did you tell anyone? Did anyone notice? Journal your thoughts and any events that happened as a result of this service in the space below.

A temporary mindset can radically change your eternal future. - Kevin D. Kirkland, 4/13/2005

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2007

- 15-19 Revival in Borger, TX
- 22 Meeting with Mattaw Children's Village Board
- 23-26 See You At The Pole Revival, Corinth, TX

October 2007

- 5-7 PaulAnn Baptist Singles Retreat
- 12-14 Christoval Katalyst Weekend
- 19-21 First Baptist Church of Prosper Katalyst Weekend
- 26-28 Glenn Meadows D-Now

November 2007

- 28 Cornerstone
- 30-Dec 2 Plymouth Park Baptist Katalyst Weekend, Irving, TX

Kevin will not be speaking as much in November and December to make time for a book he is working on called "Broken Walls". Please pray for him as he seeks to honor God in this step of obedience.

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We are looking for financial sponsors to reproduce our second run of 1000 "Somewhere, Someone Loves You" C.D's. After reproduction and royalties, they are costing almost two dollars a piece to reproduce. If you would like to help with this please send your contribution to our address and mark your check, "Somewhere, Someone Loves You."

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