

US High School Class Spends Ten Days in Kenya

World Renew Kenya hosted 13 Calvin Christian High School students in June 2016. It was a quite a learning experience for the students in schools, communities, and churches. Prof. Larry Klein led the team to Kenya. Let's read what he says about their experience from the trip.

Calvin Christian High School began trips to East Africa a dozen years ago. Over time, the scope and nature of the trips have evolved. Involvement with World Renew has opened doors and promoted healthy engagement with many different communities in Kenya. Here is a brief summary of the cultural exposure that was part of this year's trip.

We began our visit in Nairobi at the US Embassy bombing site of 1998. This provided context to what has transpired in the past years due to Al Qaeda-led terrorist attacks around the world and in our homeland. The memorial at the site brought to life the tragedy of the bombing.

It was important this year to continue our tie with Wareng Secondary School in Eldoret. CCHS has hosted three students from Wareng over the past 10 years. Millicent Oketch ('07) gave a speech of encouragement to their students that did not fall on deaf ears. Our partnership remains vibrant and we both were able to celebrate this in an assembly (and later in a pick-up soccer game).

World Renew opened up the doors to their connection to a Maasai community. Our group had an opportunity to discuss our cultures and answer each other's questions about life styles. Life has been difficult in their community due to water shortages. World Renew is working to help lift up the community and our group learned to appreciate their efforts.

Continuing the journey, we traveled to Lake Naivasha for an overnight stay at Hell's Gate National Park. Having an opportunity to see wildlife, appreciate conservation, and bike amongst the herds was priceless.



In Eldoret, the group lodged at the RCEA Convention Center. They have hosted our group several times over the years. We ventured out to Plateau for a day. This community is home to an all-girl secondary school, primary school, and hospital. Visits to each made us grateful for sacrifices being made by teachers and hospital staff. Each stop gave us pause to reflect on God's goodness, human potential, and daily struggles. Reverend Daniel Barno opened up the School for the Handicapped for us to further touch our hearts and minds.

For dinner at night, we were hosted by three different families, each with ties to our past visits to Eldoret. Sitting around a table of Kenyan food, lavished upon us by the families, we were able to engage in conversation with extended family and neighbors. Our settings were in themselves part of our education.

Grandville Christian has developed a relationship with Reverend Marupus Academy up north in Kapenguria. We spent a day with the students and teachers there, start-

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Rejoice!

Barbara Barungi Kayanja will be joining World Renew as the East Africa Ministry Team Leader effective November 1, 2016. Barbara comes to us with more than 15 years of solid leadership, partnership building, development work and performance management experience as well as in-depth education in development management, social work and administration. Barbara's background coupled with her calling to further God's kingdom will allow her to ably step into this leadership role in the East Africa region. Please pray for Barbara and the entire East Africa Ministry Team.

Tomato Sales provide for Medical Treatment

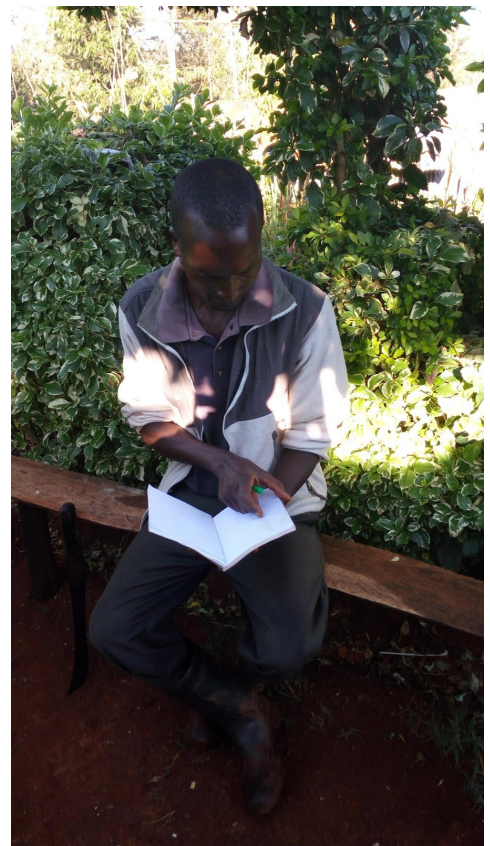
A Story of Transformation

Gabriel Ng'angá is 25 years old and married with no living children. Their first born passed away last year (2015) from an illness. Gabriel is a member of one of the youth horticultural groups. He was trained last year through ADS MK. When he was trained, Gabriel planted 300 tomato plants and some spinach. From the 300 tomato plants, Gabriel was able to make a profit of Ksh 18,000 in a period of five months. This progress inspired him.

Unfortunately, Gabriel's only daughter started getting ill. He had to spend a lot of money and time on her treatment. Sadly the little girl passed away in November of 2015. Gabriel had spent all 18,000 shillings and more on her treatment. He wasn't left with much money to get back on his feet and has not been able to continue with his horticultural agribusiness.

Gabriel shared his wish. If he could get a loan of Ksh 5,000 he would be able to buy seeds and necessary inputs to restart his tomato farm. With Ksh 5,000 Gabriel will be able to raise 500 tomato plants comfortably. He projects the tomatoes will make him a profit of at least Ksh 25,000. This will enable him repay the loan and get back on his feet.

There are many other young people in the Kiganjo community like Gabriel. They just need a little support, not in the form of grants but loans to start their businesses. A grant of \$5,000 will be able to help at least 30 people with loans and technical support. Another 50 young adults will receive technical support and training without loans. The trainings will be offered by Agricultural Community Resource Volunteers. The loan will be a revolving fund. It will help many more young people in the future as the loans gets repaid and loaned out to more people.



Mr. Gabriel Ng'angá sharing the records of his previous tomato sales. He made a Ksh 18,000 profit.



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ing with a very warm welcome from the school community. Their program for us echoed their mission to take in students from many parts of the country. Our students were able to join secondary students in dance.

Sunday gave us a chance to worship with one of our guides, Mary Jego, at her Reformed Church East Africa location. Worshipping together fostered appreciation and praise of the same Lord. A circle of prayer together after the service gave us a feel of needed unity with our Kenyan friends.

After we returned to Nairobi, we connected with Jeff DeKock ('95). Jeff interacted with our students over his work at the National Museum of Nairobi and over lunch. He is married to a Kenyan woman and they have two

children. He is always inspiring to our students.

The trip came to an end but not before a final sit down dinner with World Renew staff. Our host and Bridger, Lily O'mkoko, introduced the staff who sat around the tables with our group. Students had a chance to share experiences from the trip and we were able to pass on our gratitude to World Renew at the conclusion of the evening.

As usual, we came home with much more than we brought. Words like justice, fairness, poverty, education, food, community, sacrifice, love, understanding, and appreciation, were explored over evening devotions. We were all humbled by the bigness of God and the goodness of people. We are in debt to World Renew for their continuing efforts and as they bring God's love to a broken world.