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PINELLAS & 1ST BAPTIST LENOIR MISSION TRIP

WHAT A BLESSING!!!!



The month of July has been one of the most blessed months in the history of Spring Valley thanks to the wonderful teams from Pinellas community church led by Pastor Mark Canfield and from First Baptist church Lenoir City led by Pastor Jack, who saw it fit to take their time and resources to visit and be a great blessing to the Spring Valley family and community. the team from Pinellas was made up of Pastor Mark, Barbara, Gail, Cathy and Dana, and the team from first Baptist church Lenoir was made up of Pastor Jack, Barbara and Onas Brand, Ted, Connie and Lloyd. No words can express the deepest gratitude that we the Spring Valley family feels towards this team and their kindness shall never be forgotten.

Below is a break-down of the six-day mission trip;

SATURDAY JULY 13TH 2019 - INTRODUCTION & TOUR

The team arrived at the school on Saturday morning and met the staff, children, Pastor Stanley, Tr. Alice and Tr. Jesse. They were given a short presentation of the history of the school and challenges the children face. The team then served the children lunch and the got to tour the entire facility and plan for the following day. The day ended well at 4pm with the whole school very excited to have met the visitors.



Arrival at the school as tr. Alice pastor Stanley and the rest of the staff and children welcome the team







Pastor Stanley giving a brief history of Spring Valley



Tour of the original toilets of spring valley before Pinellas church built the modern ones in the school





Pastor Stanley and pastor mark taking a tour of the church



The team washing the children's hands for lunch



Pastor Jack prays for the food



Time to serve lunch









Talitha Koum dorm tour





The team prays for the girls



Tr. Lilian and tr. Clarice who are the dorm parents for the girls take a picture with tr. Jesse pastor Stanley and tr. Alice



Joshua boys dorm tour





The unfinished upper floor of the Joshua boys' dorms



End of day one

SUNDAY JULY 14TH 2019-SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday Church service was one of the best we have ever had here at Spring Valley. The children had the privilege of having the team members teach Sunday school and teens' club in the morning. Barbara brand taught the little children in Sunday School about Jonah and the other team members helped to recreate the story with the children who had a blast pretending to be Jonah in the storm in the boat. The teen club was divided into two with the girls having a lesson with Cathy and Dana and the boys had a lesson with pastor Jack. In the main service Pastor Mark gave a wonderful word on being a good neighbor and the love of Jesus. He prayed and blessed the congregation and we are very humbled to have had this wonderful team in our Spring Valley church Service. The team then assisted the staff in serving lunch after church and they got to mingle with the children before leaving for the day.



Sunday school children dancing in the church with tr. Alice



Barbara teaching the story of Jonah to the Sunday school children



The children having fun while recreating the story



Teens club



Pastor Jack, Dona and tr. Jesse teaching the teens club





Main church service





The team is introduced during the main church service





Pastor Mark preaching the word with Pastor Masambe





Tr. Alice and the team preparing to serve the children lunch after church







End of day one

MONDAY JULY 15TH 2019- CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CAMP, CARPENTRY, ELECTRIC REPAIRS, & BOY TALK

On this day the team arrived very early and the medical team was joined by some local medical doctors and nurses for the children's medical camp. The medical camp took place in the church and some of the team members namely Gail, Barbara, Connie, Barbara, Dona and Cathy assisted by taking the children's vital signs, counting and giving the children the medication that was prescribed by the doctors and giving them candy to cheer them up.

Onas started working on creating 30 brand new school desks for grade 8 children as the medical camp was going on while Lloyd worked on repairing all the bulbs and electric problems that were in the school, pastor Jack had a talk with the boys and led with the lunch time prayers with the children, while Pastor Mark assisted in the carpentry and electrical repairs with the rest of the team.

It was a day well spent with a lot of things being accomplished the team left the school at around 5pm having accomplished a lot of things and the children were very grateful for

the medical camp and the treatment and medications they received. The medical team was able to treat 310 children on this day!!!



Monday assembly before children's medical camp





Medications for the medical camp



Pastor Mark, Lloyd and Ted getting ready to go to work



Kids medical camp



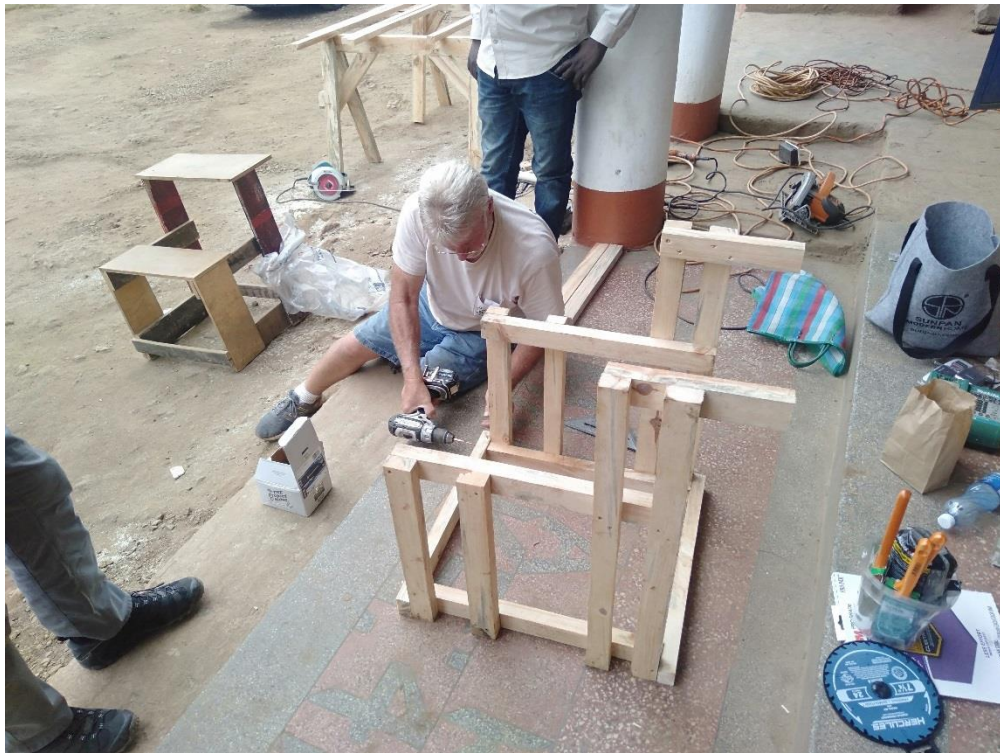








Onas busy at work









Lloyd busy at work





Pastor Mark teaching little children with a globe



Pastor Jack leading the lunch time prayers



TUESDAY JULY 16th 2019-COMMUNITY MEDICAL CAMP, CARPENTRY, ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

On this day everyone arrived extra early and the international medical team together with the local medical team worked very hard to treat all the community members who came in for treatment. The team barely got any breaks and at one time it was so busy that other staff members from the school came to assist in the church where the camp was taking place.

A lot of members of the community were seriously ill with some patients coming in with very high blood pressure levels of 200/90 and above and one lady was so sick that she was given an immediate referral to Kenyatta National hospital which is the biggest national hospital in the country. Follow ups were started for most of the patients and most were referred to Kayole II sub-district hospital where the local doctors from the medical camp came from. By the end of the day the medical team had seen, treated and given medications to over 550 community members!!!! Many Lives were saved and transformed on this day and we can only say a big GOD BLESS YOU to Pinellas church, and First Baptist church Lenoir for making this day possible!!!

Onas and Lloyd continued working on the carpentry and electric repairs with the assistance of Pastor Mark, Pastor Jack and Ted.

The team got to leave after 5pm after a long work day having been a blessing to the community of Spring Valley.



Community medical camp











WEDNESDAY JULY 17TH 2019-DENTAL HYGIENE, BIBLE STORY, CARPENTRY,
ELECTRIC REPAIRS, HOME VISITS & STAFF PARTY

Early Wednesday morning the ladies from the team taught all the children in the school about dental hygiene and the importance of brushing their teeth properly. The children also learned a wonderful song about brushing their teeth and it was a lot of fun. Later Barbara and Connie taught the teens a bible story while the rest of the team members assisted in repairs and carpentry. The wonderful group also served the children during break time, lunch time and even assisted in washing the children's hands before they took their lunch. After lunch the team divided into two groups and the groups visited a total of 20 homes of our neediest children with food baskets that they had bought. The team members also took time to pray for the families they visited and the families were very blessed and moved by the gifts they received and the prayers that really encouraged them. After the home visits our wonderful visitors transformed the church into a beautiful restaurant for the staff filled with roasted goat meat, barbecue beef, barbecue chicken, vegetable salads, ugali and black forest and vanilla cake for dessert!!!!

The staff ate and ate and ate until they couldn't have anymore, it was a night filled with laughter, joy and lots of happiness. The team also surprised the staff members with gift bags and it felt like Christmas in July!!!

Pastor Stanley, Teacher Alice, Tr. Jesse and the entire staff, of Spring Valley want to express their deepest gratitude to Pastor Mark, Pastor Jack and the entire team for buying dinner, serving us, giving us gifts and being so kind to us. Each staff member felt very special and appreciated and we want to say from the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!!!



Dental hygiene class





Food baskets and home visits





Staff party







THURSDAY JULY 18TH 2019-FUN DAY AND FAREWELL

On Thursday the team arrived bright and early as usual and they divided themselves into several groups with some of the ladies doing art and craft with the younger children, dona and cathy had girl talk with the teen girls and pastor jack had a lesson with the teen boys. Onas and Lloyd continued with carpentry and electric repairs till break time when everyone helped to serve the children porridge. After break our wonderful visitors presented Pastor Stanley, Tr. Alice, and tr. Jesse with some wonderful gifts for the school like stationaries, books, multivitamins, clothes and many other supplies that the children will make use of and enjoy for months to come.

At 11am the children took the guests to the church and taught them and entertained them with some traditional African dances. It was a lot of fun and the church was filled with laughter and joy.

After the dances Pastor Stanley presented Pastor Mark with a certificate of appreciation for the many years of friendship and the wonderful transformation he has brought to the school for the last 11yrs. Pastor Jack prayed a final prayer of blessing over the children and the entire school took a picture with the guests before they left. It was an emotional goodbye for everyone and the wonderful bonds that were created will last a life time.



Girl talk



Art and craft



The boys of Joshua boys get pillows and beddings!!





Thanks Onas for the wonderful desks we love and appreciate you!!



Pastor Stanley receiving the gifts for the school







Traditional dances and fun





Pastor mark receiving his certificate

CONCLUSION

Pastor Stanley, Teacher Alice, Tr. Jesse and the Spring Valley family want to express our deepest gratitude to Pastor Mark, the Pinellas team, Pastor Jack and the Lenoir team for all the life changing work they did in aiding the community, children and staff of Spring Valley. Our community, our school, our church, and our hearts are forever changed by the love, kindness, resources, warmth, laughter, shown and shared by this team. We thank you for all the gifts you gave us, and we will forever treasure the time we shared together may the Lord Bless each one of you for making a huge difference in Spring Valley!!!!



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