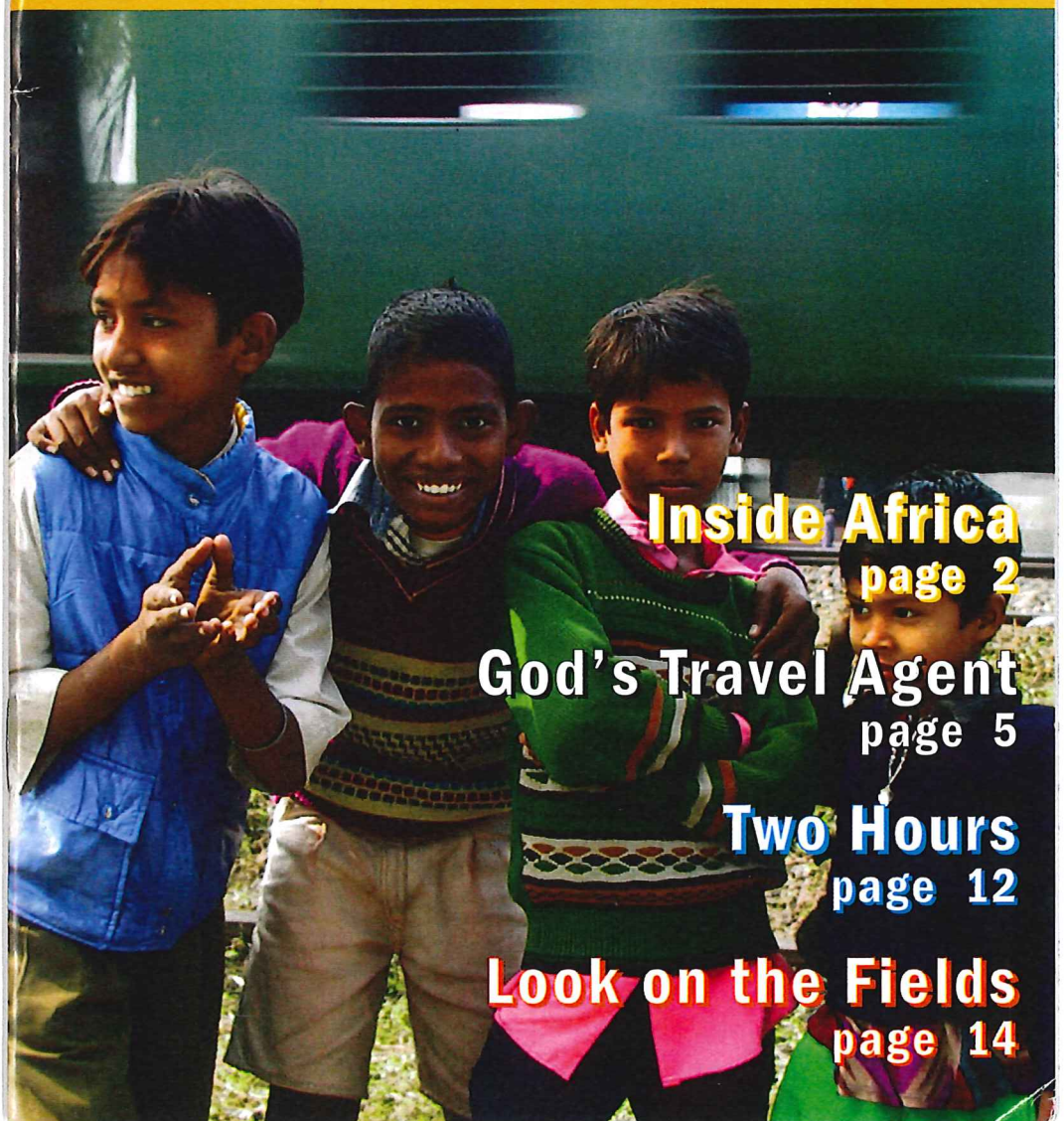


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Inside Africa **An end to the "Kitu Kidogo?"**

by Michael Bazzo

Newly elected President Mwai Kibaki came to power on the back of promises to reverse Kenya's plethora of economic and social woes, bringing a new dawn to Kenya, but he has inherited a country long in decay. Many wonder whether he will be able to deliver. As Christians we should pray for his success.

With an ambitious agenda, he is promising to revive the economy, eliminate corruption, streamline the government, reform the judiciary, rebuild Kenya's crumbling infrastructure, create a half million jobs a year, provide free primary education, retrain the police, empower women, and conserve the environment. With God's blessing, maybe all this change will bode well for our church's goals in Kenya and facilitate the registration of CCV Kenya without it being bogged down in the mire of corruption.

As a former economist, he has no illusions about the challenges he faces. He describes himself as "inheriting a country, which has been badly ravaged by years of misrule." For example, 10 million people, a third of the population, live in extreme poverty, earning less than a dollar a day and

unable to afford a decent meal or pay school fees and adequate health care. Corruption is endemic, being instilled from traffic police to the highest levels of the administration. In 2002, Transparency International said Kenya was the seventh most corrupt country in the world. The national infrastructure is in an advanced state of disrepair and it is estimated that a billion dollars are needed to bring the road network to an acceptable level. Kenya's public debt is three times the annual government revenue. Kenya's population is young, with four out of 10 people under the age of 15. Primary education levels have declined dramatically over the last 10 years, yet, some 70.9 % of the country is literate. Of every 1,000 live births, 71 children die before their first birthday. Life expectancy is 54.1 years for men, 55.3 years for women. Only a little over half of the population has access to safe water. Some 2.2 million people are infected with HIV.

But Kenya's third president, who is said to be a Christian, is confident he is capable of handling the enormous task ahead of him. "You have asked me to lead this nation out of the present wilderness and malaise on to

the promised land. And I shall do so," he said. "I shall offer a responsive, transparent, and innovative leadership. I am willing to put everything I [have] into the job because I regard this job as a sacred duty."

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It remains to be seen whether President Kibaki will have the political muscle to sweep corruption out of Kenya's government system and to implement all of his

other promises. As a church that is strongly committed to reaching out to the people of Kenya, we need to be lifting up President Kibaki to the One who can heal their land and bring about the much needed changes. Also, pray that as these changes occur, the doors will open for God to perform a mighty work through our missionaries who will be arriving there later this year.

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The need in Kenya is awesome; the calling and the work are no less than awesome. As I look at what lies before us, I truly am in awe of the need and the calling that I believe that God has for us here at CCV. We have the Vision, we have the Plan and now we have the People.

The Vision -

The vision is to reach out with the love of Christ in a clear and tangible way to the lost of Kenya. A predominant number of those are orphans who are living on the streets and in desperate need of love, hope and security. The estimates vary from between 200,000 to 1,000,000 children who are living lives of fear as they try to make it day by day with no one to care for and love them. It is not that nothing is being done. As a matter of fact, there are many Christian groups that are there and are working in this sea of adversity. Yet the need is still there and is greater than we once thought. We see the hand of God leading us to open a home for children where they will be loved, cared for, and educated. We see the need to bring a vital youth ministry to the children and youth of Kenya. We see the need for job training and education. And without a doubt, there is a need for medical help.

The Plan -

At this point we have learned that you start out doing what you do with quality. In an area with such a large need, it would be easy to be overwhelmed. It would be much like a thirsty man trying to get a sip from a fire hydrant. In trying to meet the need, we could end up drowning. From seeking the advice of others and observing those who were there in the midst of the situation, it has become clear that we need to walk with the Lord and be sure to stay by His side. That may seem obvious, but the practical application of this is that we should only do what God has provided the resources for us to do and then let it grow. We will start by planting the seed of our work in a good soil and tend to it so that it may grow to be a healthy work that bears good fruit.

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