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## MAGAZINE

CCV Global Outreach Ministries

## Welcome to the first edition of GO! Global Outreach Magazine

Inside you'll find useful and up-to-date information regarding our missionaries in the field and those who have gone on short-term missions, as well as, the missionaries' prayer requests. Additionally, you'll experience the joy they feel in serving the Lord around the world. Our goal is to inform you, the congregation, of the missionary efforts you are supporting and the success they are achieving. We hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to the next exciting edition!

the Vision



by Mike Bazzo

As I sat sipping coffee at Starbucks, I was not sure which warmed my heart more: the black liquid and foamy milk concoction or the infectious smile and enthusiasm of Chuck Booher. I quickly realized that it was definitely the latter.

The story he related of the night God spoke to his heart while he and Pam watched "Night Line" was amazing and it became clear that his vision for CCV's involvement in Africa was truly inspired. This divine inspiration is evidenced by the sheer number of willing volunteers who have come forth to give not only their time and money to this project but also a fervent passion. "It has really become a church-wide vision which is exactly what I hoped would happen", he said with that big bearded

smile. Indeed, a story from Zimbabwe touched one man's heart that night many months ago, and he then touched many more hearts over the past year, inspiring them to go forth and touch the hearts and souls of children in need.

The Night Line reporter visited AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe who have nobody in their lives. "In the capital they showed thousands of these kids with no hope and it really touched me", Chuck explained. "They asked the kids what they want to do when they grow up and there was no answer. Out of hundreds of kids only one or two even had a dream." At that moment, the Holy Spirit touched him, Chuck explained, and he became very emotional. "Here are kids dying everywhere with

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absolutely no hope in their lives; their young lives literally passing them by and no one doing a thing about it," described Chuck, his big smile suddenly being overtaken by complete seriousness. The Barista then came by and wiped our table, granting a welcomed emotional pause to both of us.

After that night, it was then decided that we should investigate Africa more closely as a place to begin a ministry. Kenya seemed the logical place, according to Chuck, because English is widely spoken there, the government is receptive to religion and helpful intervention from foreigners, and it is a place where we could do spiritual work in addition to educating and feeding kids. Chuck explained that soon it

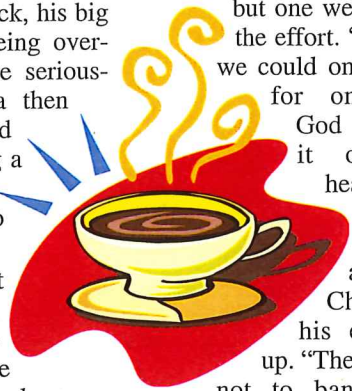
became apparent that going to Kenya and building a school, church, orphanage, and clinic was a big project with many risks involved,

but one well worth the effort. "Even if we could only do it for one kid, God has put it on my heart to do something", added Chuck as his eyes lit up. "The point is not to bandage a wound. The goal is to give kids a future they deserve."

While Chuck's inspiration has truly become a church-wide vision, his dream continues to grow. In addition to educating kids both temporally and spiritually, it is his dream to provide the children with job training and to eventually put together a group of busi-

nessmen to employ the kids. "In fact, why stop there," he beamed, nearly jumping out of his chair, "if it works with orphans in Africa, we could do it here!"

I gulped my now cold coffee and wished I had ordered a double espresso! This is going to be a wild ride I thought, and one I'm sure none of us will want to miss!



Pam and Chuck Booher

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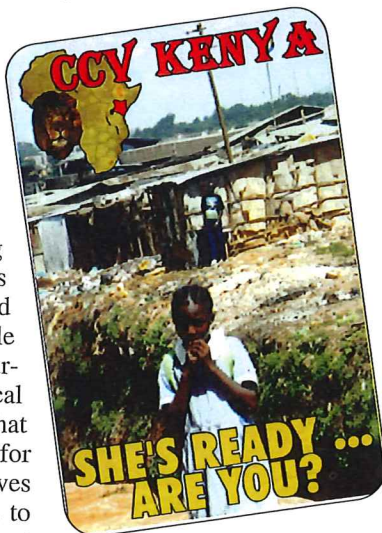


## Inside Africa by Mike Bazzo

During the twentieth century, the Christian population in Africa exploded from an estimated eight million (9%) in 1900 to some 335 million in 2000 (45%). Nowhere is the result of this explosion more visible than in the country of Kenya, where there is literally, a church on every corner. It is estimated that Kenya is 85-90% Christian. Kenya has been described as an island afloat amid the chaos of surrounding Muslim nations such as Somalia, Uganda, and Rwanda. While the people of Kenya struggle to survive economic and political hardships, it is evident that God has a special plan for them. Our church believes that we have been called to play a significant role in not only helping to feed and educate the youth of that nation, but to minister spiritually to those who will eventually form the foundation of Kenya's future. The road to effectuating God's plan will not be easy. Here are two recent "bumps" in the road our missionaries will immediately encounter along the way:

First: AIDS has moved beyond epidemic proportions in Kenya, and has created a staggering number of orphans. One needs only to

spend a few minutes walking the streets of the capital city of Nairobi to realize that there are children everywhere. Currently, Kenya has about 500,000 HIV-positive children aged below five years, the



majority of whom were infected by their mothers. In the Kibera slum alone, one of Nairobi's largest, approximately 2.4 million people live in just 1.5% of the nation's landmass. In this single slum, approximately 3 of every 5 people have AIDS and 821 of them die daily from AIDS.

Studies in Kenya reveal that 30-40% of children born to HIV-positive mothers and who are breast-fed for 18 to 24 months, get infected from the mother's milk. Between 25-35% of

those breast-fed for six months get infected while only about 15 per cent of babies not breast-fed at all get infected. A program to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission has recently been launched. It will involve free provision of Nevirapine, an anti-retroviral drug, to the 150,000 infected pregnant mothers and their infants in the provincial and district hospitals. Unfortunately, simple provision of the drug, if available, will have little effect on the problem. Change in local customs must first come through an understanding of the gospel and in educating those still clinging to ancient tribal beliefs.

Second: While Kenya enjoys religious freedom of a sort, there is brewing a backlash against Christians and foreigners in a quasi-religious sect known as the Mungiki movement which is recently sweeping the nation. Mungiki disciples claim theirs is a "home-grown" religious organization committed to upholding the traditional "African way of worship, culture and lifestyle."

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members and growing, they have threatened to circumcise all Kikuyu women aged 14 and 45 years, and are openly committed to de-

Christianize the country. The sect, which has publicly declared its hatred for the church and total disrespect for the rule of law, has penetrated the educated unemployed youth.

CCV has responded to God's call and is committed to making a difference in the lives of children half a world away. As a congregation we need to have faith that we can overcome through Christ the obstacles that will be placed before us in working to accomplish God's will.

# My Adventure

in trusting God: a regular gal goes to kenya

by Sharlene Allen

*Hello. My name is Sharlene Allen. I am 27 years old, married 3 years, and have no children. I live in the Inland Empire of Southern California. I am second generation born Mexican American. I am very much a regular, average, run-of-the-mill kind of gal. What I am about to share is my adventure in trusting God and how that led me to be on an 18 hour flight to Nairobi, Kenya.*

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