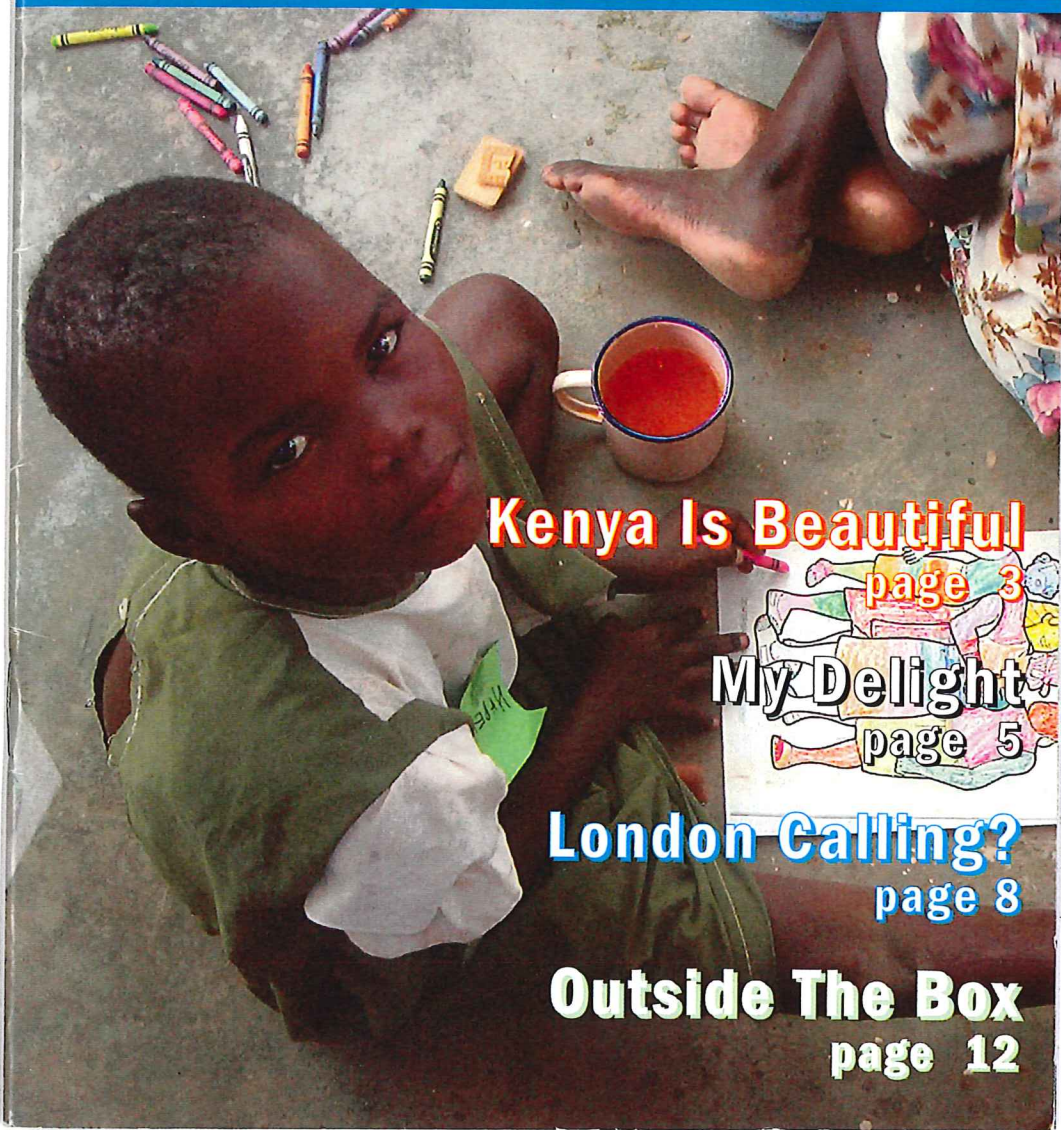


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## Inside Africa

### Your Offering **DOLLARS AT WORK**

by Michael Bazzo

“Look at what You’ve done.” Simple words that I can’t stop saying. When I look around and see what our church is capable of when we trust in God, I’m amazed.

Sometimes it’s easy, even glib, to say God is doing a mighty work. We all know He has placed His hand on our congregation and is continually blessing us. Our congregation is growing steadily, so much so, that we have pretty much exceeded the bounds of the church grounds that not so long ago seemed more than ample. We participate in the community and have missionaries in the utmost parts of the earth. But never before has this “family” been part of such an historic call to serve those in need half way around the world as when God put on our hearts to reach out to the people of Kenya.

In previous issues, we have written extensively concerning the need in Kenya and the vision developed to meet that need. In his own words, Chuck

Booher described how God impressed upon his heart one night nearly two years ago that something had to be done to help the hundreds of thousands of orphaned children and innocent AIDS victims in Africa. We embraced the call. Volunteers came forward, committees formed, logistics were explored, and thankfully, offerings were abundantly given.

While we did our part, He did his part, and selected three wonderful families to leave behind all they have and carry His message of love and grace to the lost in Nairobi, Kenya. This is truly a momentous occasion for this congregation because we have been given the opportunity to witness first hand God’s work in progress. We have seen this “project” (a word I really hesitate to use because it implies a pre determined time for completion) go from a calling to a vision to a reality. Within

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becoming a reality. Participation is not confined to the missionaries who are going, but is open to all who are willing to join prayer groups, attend Global Outreach Dinners, write letters to missionaries, and give. In this manner, we can all follow God's call to take His Gospel to the ends of



**Steffane and Russell Ferris on a recent trip to Kenya**

the earth.

"Look at what you've done." Simple words I hope a pleased Father in heaven is saying to this congregation... though He might add, "Keep it up!"

Photos by Pam Booher

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When we first stepped foot onto the plane last October, it had been almost 2 ½ years since Chuck Booher first shared the vision for what we now call CCV Kenya. By this time we knew God had called us to go to the mission field in Kenya and we had made a commitment to the Lord that we would dedicate at least 5 years to the planned children's home. So many emotions welled up within me. Excitement, since we would be able to see where we would call "home" for a few years of our life, and fear because I was sure that God was going to send me to a place that I was just going to hate.

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