



## **02-05-13 – Wings Mission Team is Home**

The Wings Kenya Mission Team arrived home safely to the United States about 7:00 pm on February 4 in Albuquerque and Denver. What a trip and what a mission! I'm estimating that we had been up and traveling about 52 hours before we got to sleep in our own beds.

I wish I had time to write a whole book about our experiences. I'm sure I could write hundreds of pages and I still wouldn't be able to describe everything we did and saw.

### **Quick Summary**

1. We hosted 14 prison parties.
2. We hosted 15 – 20 Wings Parties in schools/orphanages.
3. We met and ministered to an estimated 15-20,000 people.
4. We went to such remote places that we were the only white people that many people had seen in their lifetime.
5. We went 2182 Kilometers, or 1,356 miles throughout Kenya. We especially thank our driver James for his safe driving. One day we drove 11 ½ hours from Meru to Kitale, through some of the roughest roads I've ever seen. James maneuvered potholes, indented pavement, dirt paths, cows, sheep, goats, chickens, motor bikes, people hauling bundles of sticks, produce, and a variety of items on their backs, wagons hauled by donkeys, and people everywhere.
6. Major cities we visited were Nairobi, Meru, Nakuru, Kitale, Bungoma, Kisumu, Kisii, Homa Bay, and Migori.
7. We went to cities that James, our driver, had never been to in his professional driving career since 1972.
8. We met the most amazing inmates in every prison. We were always greeted in song by the inmates before we even started our party. Prison Chaplains/Duty Officers/staff always greeted us, and each time I was surprised by the faith expressed and the support and positive attitudes they had towards the inmates.
9. The Kenyans we met were people of faith. It showed in their words and actions, and we were blessed to meet such lovely people.
10. We were treated like honored guests everywhere we went. We were humbled by their love and caring.
11. We deeply thank team member Amy Nelson who planned and coordinated the trip. Amy did a wonderful job and without her organizational skills the trip wouldn't have happened.
12. Lastly, THANKS to Wings Kenya Mission Team Members Cathy Pfefferle, Deney Perkins, Elaine Clark, and Amy Nelson who were caring, sensitive, fun, dedicated women of faith. They carried 50# suitcases up 66 stairs to our rooms. They traveled 50+ hours each way to Kenya without complaint. They went most days without lunch and ate snack bars and

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ramen noodles when our nights went so late that basically all we wanted to do was crawl into bed. They boiled water, took cold showers, bounced on roads that could make the most seasoned traveler sick, and laughed and took it all in stride. Even the Kenyan pastors praised us for our strength and fortitude. I'm SO proud to call each of the women dear friends and the most wonderful ambassadors for Wings Ministry!

In time I'll get photo collages completed from each of the sites we visited. I hope you will continue to visit our website at [www.WingsMinistry.org](http://www.WingsMinistry.org) for updates. I took 2900+ photos alone on my camera, and the other team members took many photos too.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers. We felt them.