

## *Mission Trip to Kijabe, Kenya*

Much of our mission work was partnering with members from the African Inland Mission, Kenya Kids Can, and Bethany Kids at Kijabe Hospital. These are just a few pictures to help share my experience.

It was truly an amazing trip, and I am thankful to have been among our group of six. Together with our church, and the help of friends, family, and several people in Innovairre's Maryland office, we donated \$5,400 to Kenya Kids Can, which totaled exactly the increase in cost for cornmeal and beans for one term (3 months). Among other items, we donated 30 soccer balls, 250 school kits, and over 150 books.

*Submitted by Kelly Jackson*



### *Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp*

This is the inside of a tent. The 2007 & 2008 post-election violence displaced over 660,000 people in Kenya, over half of whom relocated to this IDP camp in the Rift Valley of Kijabe. These tents are made from tree branches, tarps, and cardboard, among other items. The inside smells like burning wood because they cook under the same tent where they sleep, with little ventilation.



*Stone homes built by Habitat for Humanity at the  
IDP camp.*





*Visiting the children at the IDP camp*

These two grabbed my hand as soon as I got out of the van.



*Gathering in front of the church at  
the IDP camp*



### *Distributing school kits at the IDP camp*

We distributed 250 school kits: bags containing notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, and stickers. Many of these children are not able to afford the required school fees and uniforms to attend school. Sunday school is their only means of education.





*Ewuaso Primary School (near Naivasha, Kenya)*

This school serves 1,200 children from preschool through grade eight. This school is fortunate to have a water well, which is not common at the 24 schools that “Kenya Kids Can” serves, 10 of which have a computer classroom. The computer classroom shown is a converted shipping crate, equipped with solar panels.



*We stripped and painted the computer classroom.*





*A sifting tray in the kitchen at the school*

The Kenya Kids Can organization provides one meal each school day to over 16,000 children. The meal consists of a porridge of cooked beans and cornmeal. Depending on the school, children are required to bring one stick per day for the fire to cook the meal.



*Kijabe Children's Hospital  
Bethany Kids and AIC (Africa Inland Church) Cure International*

There are two wings of the children's hospital that serve the needs of sick and physically disabled children. Our mission team spent the day reading and visiting with the children and their parents. With the books we collected, we were able to double their library of 50 books. Many of these families come from all over Kenya to receive some of the best care possible in Africa. The Kijabe Hospital was founded by AIM (Africa Inland Mission), and many of the doctors are missionaries from around the world.



*Kijabe Post Office*

\$1.30 to mail a first class letter from Kenya to the US