## TitoMusyoki Rural Community Development

Greetings TM Community,

The mission team is back and it was a great success. The goal of the trip was to reach lost souls, build relationships by sharing God's love with everyone we encountered, and provide a service of teaching to pastors, teachers, and the teens. A bonus group of 9–12-year-olds showed up ready to participate. There was a total of 20 pastors, 20 teachers, nearly 100 teens and 33 nine to twelve year olds.

The training was held at the new training facility in Kambusu. The second level had finished walls, floors, and interior doors along with finished electrical. The training really highlighted the huge impact the training center will have when finished.



On **Saturday** we dedicated the well in Kambusu funded by Radiant Church. The well was equipped with the MPesa dispensing system. A very small fee is charged to draw water. The money goes directly into a 'well maintenance' bank account. This ensures the well can be kept in continuous working order. This system is widely used in Kenya and has proven to be reliable and effective.

**Sunday,** we attended church at the TM church plant in Ngunyumu. The attenders were mostly younger people. They were engaged and energetic. It was a pleasure to meet Elly the new pastor. He was very personable and a good fit for the new church.



**Monday through Wednesday** started with lively singing in Swahili followed by a short devotion. Twenty-three people accepted Jesus after the devotions. Each day new people came to the training which was very encouraging. After the training each group asked for more training in the future.



**The pastors** begin to gather on the first day. The pastors were asked for topics they were most concerned about, and the trainers focused on topics the pastors highlighted. Pastor Todd Jones and Pastor Bill Schuhmacher were elated to hear the pastors talk about how many things they planned to implement that they learned in the training.

Most of the teachers were Sunday school teachers with little formal training. Jamin Jones and Rainy Schuhmacher adjusted their lesson plans accordingly. The topics covered were as follows, different activities to create an environment of learning, ways to keep students engaged, addressing students with disabilities, and lesson planning through backwards planning. The teachers were engaged and enjoyed the training.



TM Ministry had not ever addressed **the teens** specifically. We were excited to see nearly 100 teens attend. Nate and Tara Johnson covered a wide range of topics that directly impact the teens in their daily lives.

## **Topics covered with teens**

Our Identity and Value in Christ
Living a Life Dedicated to Jesus
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Hit on this every day!)
Being Born Again / Becoming a New Creation
Drug and Alcohol Use and Abuse
Premarital Sex and Healthy Romantic Relationships

The first day there were thirty-three 9–12-year-olds that showed up for training. We were caught totally by surprise!! Luckily, we had James for our interpreter. He was great. We started each day with some energetic singing. Then Tom and Karen Jones read Bible stories from a book that Karen found in the library, The Jesus Storybook Bible. We asked questions and highlighted teachable moments in the stories. The kids were eager to participate. After story time we sang a couple more songs of their choosing then we went downstairs and played relay games with two beach balls. The format was repeated in the afternoon. We connected with the kids on a personal level and we all had a good time together.

**On Thursday** everyone came together and met in the church. Pastor Elly was the emcee of the service, and he was great. Tom did a short talk thanking everyone on behalf of TM-Ministry and Radiant Church. Bill delivered a passionate message about encouraging people to let go of any shame they may feel from past actions. At the end nearly everyone stood with a commitment to lay their shame at Jesus feet. After the service there was some time for fellowship, followed by hugs and heartfelt goodbyes.



We are praying for funds to complete the Training Center with doors and windows. If God lays it on your heart to support this vibrant ministry, you can donate through PayPal on the website, <a href="mailto:tm-ministry.org">tm-ministry.org</a> or send a check to TM Rural Community Development c/o Karen Jones, Treasurer, 10562 K Drive South, Burlington, MI 49029.

May God bless you and keep you always.