

KENYA

LOCATION: NAIROBI, KENYA
TEAM SIZE: 8 STUDENTS
TEAM LEADER: 1 STAFF
DATE: JUNE 11 - 24, 2008



Lions, leopards, rhinos, cape buffaloes, and elephants all make up the “Big Five” of Africa’s wildlife. Fresh, green, optimistic, brave, persistent all make up the “Big Five” characteristics of eight SC students and one faculty member who embarked upon a familiar path to Kenya June 11 – 24, 2008.

Despite being Sterling’s fourth trip to the country in three years, the Kenyan experience was new to all nine team members. While in Kenya the team worked with St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in the capital city of Nairobi.

In Kenya, the team participated in various ministries. The team began their journey visiting an AIDS orphanage called Tumaini (Hope) Children’s Home where they interacted with the children, brought school supplies and toys. They also spent three days in the African bush in a remote village called Mashuru. While there, the team was able to deliver new textbooks to the children. The team was also called upon to make bricks (by hand) for a boarding school that was being built in the village. Towards the end of the trip, the team participated in a weekend evangelistic challenge for the Alliance School for Girls.

“When we were leaving [Mashuru], one of the girls came up to me and told me... she wanted to have my address so she could write me. She made me promise that I would write her back. I was really touched by her,” Freshman Danielle Jones, said. “It exceeded my expectations and I will always remember it. It was an amazing experience.”

As the fresh team settled into their journey, they were encouraged by the zest for life and love that the Kenyans seemed to have.

“One [memory] that continually comes to mind was the children of the boarding schools dancing and singing for us. We found the vibrancy of their music coupled with their enthusiasm so uplifting,” Rev. Seth Svaty, team leader said.

The team consisted of Kyle Hixson, Colorado Springs, Colo., Joanna Hockersmith, Gove, Kan., Audrey Hoyt, Brewster, Kan., Adrian Ivasic, Mentor, Ohio, Danielle Jones, Sharon Springs, Kan., Shannon Kirby, Arvada, Colo., Mariah Smith, Sterling, Kan., Candice Williams, Russell, Kan., and adjunct Professor Seth Svaty, team leader.

