

Good Morning

Good morning and welcome! Today we have a very special service planned. We are glad you are here, and you will be glad you attended today. Recently a team of volunteers from Grace completed a 10-day mission and outreach trip to Mission Thome in Kenya. Today we will receive an update on the trip and the continuing growth and improvements at the mission.

History and Purpose

Mission Thome is a non-profit, Christian organization dedicated to serving the families of Thome, Kenya and surrounding communities through faith, education, and community development. This church and the mission leadership are committed to nurturing children in their development and health, empowering adults to be self-sufficient, and transforming lives through God's love.

In 2008 a young man named Stephen Karimi began attending Grace Community Church. Stephen was a student at Georgia Southern at the time. We soon learned that he was in nursing school with hopes of returning to his homeland of Kenya and helping the people in a variety of ways. The more we got to know him, the more we began to share his vision.

In 2010 Stephen along with three other men from the church traveled to Kenya in search of a mission site. It wasn't long after that the church purchased land, dug a well, and Mission Thome was well on its way to becoming what it is today.

Their Mission

- ✓ To alleviate suffering and foster hope, the mission is dedicated to providing essential support, resources, and opportunities, with a steadfast commitment to promoting equality, dignity, and empowerment for all.

Goals

- ✓ To establish a church that spreads the Good News to all who will hear the call of Jesus on their hearts and lives.
- ✓ To set up a school and assist neighboring schools for education that will help empower the community.
- ✓ To provide a clinic that serves the people of Thome as well as a mobile clinic to assist those in even more remote areas.

God's Work

It has been one of the great privileges of our work together at Grace to watch God work half a world away. It is remarkable! A church has been established. A clinic is providing critical health care that didn't exist 15 years ago. Over 300 students attend the school, and each one is fed a nutritious meal every day.

It has been our privilege to support the mission financially on a monthly basis, as well as meet some of the bigger needs they have faced over the years.

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meet on Wednesday July 30th at 6:30.

Gravity: No Gravity. Will resume in August.

Today's Songs

Praise You Anywhere.....Phil Wickham

Firm Foundation.....Maverick City Music

Battle Belongs.....Phil Wickham

KidsJAM Bible Trivia Night

Kids are playing Bible Trivia on Wednesday, August 13, from 6-7pm. Sign up in KidsJAM.

Promotion Sunday

On Aug. 3rd the following will be promoted in both services:

- Two Year Olds go from Nursery to Beginner
 - Children who start Pre-K will go from Beginners to KidsJAM
 - Kids who start 6th Grade will go from KidsJAM to Velocity
- (We follow the same calendar as the public school system so cutoff birthday is September 1st.)*

Splash in the Boro

The church will rent Splash on Sunday evening, August 3rd, from 6-8pm. Cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. **Cash at the Gate Only.** Bring money for the Snack Shack!