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ITEAMS KENYA

ONE HOPEFUL DREAM

"It is my dream to see as many children as possible enjoy their lives and grow up to be the kind of people God wants them to be," explains Jack Mutua – one of ITeams' newest missionaries working among refugees in Kenya. "I want to become a brother and friend to the refugee children whom God has entrusted to my care.

Born and raised in the Kenyan countryside, Jack was the youngest of 12 children. He enjoyed a joyful childhood, but throughout these early years his family's nominal belief in God trickled down to affect a spiritual dryness that would impact him well into young adulthood.

During his first year of college, Jack was struck with a beautiful new realization – that he was dearly loved by Jesus Christ. Jack's life was dramatically changed when God healed him of a debilitating back pain. "I made a commitment to God that I would serve Him all my life since He is the one who healed me," explains Jack.

Since then, Jack has been amazed by how God has been providing for all his needs: blessing him with an educational scholarship, healing his broken relationship with his dad, and directing his heart to love and serve refugee children.

In 2004, Jack began volunteering with the ITeams Refugee Ministry Team in Nairobi – Kenya's capital city. Since 2005, he has been serving refugees from Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, and Congo as an ITeams missionary.



Jack Mutua is one of ITeams' newest missionaries serving refugees in Nairobi, Kenya.

One Devoted Life

I love these children. I don't want any of them to have to feel the loneliness or rejection that I have experienced. I learned a lot about both love and forgiveness during the struggles I went through, and I hope I can pour out both into the lives of the children whom I minister to today.

I have seen many lives of both children and parents transformed as the children embraced the Word of God and shared with other children and their parents. I have also seen hearts of abandoned and abused children transformed through a healing process that restored their self-esteem.

Praise be to God!

- Jack

ITEAMS' WORK IN KENYA

- » **God values one person. We value one person. Without limit.** We will go to extraordinary measures to bring the present and future hope of God's kingdom to each one.
- » **The flow of Somali refugees** into Kenya has reached more than 1,000 per day (UNHCR, Jan 2007).
- » **ITeams' work with refugees in Kenya includes** adult and children's Bible studies, counseling and discipleship, offering support and encouragement to community development initiatives, and on-site work at refugee camps within the country.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

In a country where almost 60% of the population lives on less than \$2 a day, and more than 50% live below the national poverty line, Kenyan missionaries find it incredibly difficult to raise financial support.

So, the Katuas and Jack Mutua are getting creative. They both own small parcels of land and are developing them to support themselves and help defray additional ministry costs. But to get started they need your help.

Developing this land will cost \$27,000.

- » **Your gift of \$100 will supply more than 200 passion fruit seedlings.**
- » **\$500 will ensure that tanks can be installed to provide water for the land.**
- » **If you are able to give \$1,000 it will provide two cows for milk production.**

Would you help these ITeams' missionaries continue to be able to bring the gospel to the poor and lost?

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ONE PURPOSEFUL FUTURE

Leah Katua lay in the narrow bed of the university hospital in Kenya thinking about her life. An unsuccessful suicide attempt had landed her here and now she had to deal with the reality of her future.



Leah Katua (right) with her husband Nathan and daughter Amani

Growing up in a strict Catholic family, Leah had been taught that "getting saved" was a sin. This type of decision to follow Christ would mean ex-communication from the family. Now, though, she knew it was a choice she had to make.

As she expected, her family disowned her, even placing a curse on her. But they couldn't ignore the changes God was making in her life.

Today Leah, and her husband Nathan serve as ITeams missionaries in Nairobi. Leah works with Somali refugees who have fled their own Muslim country because of persecution. As she helps them start a new life in Kenya she shares the good news of Jesus Christ with them, praying that they'll also find new life in Him.

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