

Prayer Calendar for Blackhawk Mission Team to Kenya

January 7-22

Please pray for the Mission Team traveling from Blackhawk Presbytery. The team members are: Claire Brenneka (Harvard), Carla Sipe (Harvard), Kathie Kleckner (Waltham PC, Utica), Lori Munson (Waltham PC, Utica), Diane Graham (Rochelle), Nan Good (Rochelle), Ann Legg (Ridgefield-Crystal Lake), Laurel Walker (AuSable Grove), Ken and Kathryn Mozingo (Oswego), Rev. David Spaulding (Dixon)

Tuesday, January 7	Acts 1:1-11 <i>Pray with us that we will surrender our preconceptions to the Lord and open ourselves to the work of the Spirit on our journey.</i>	Leave O'Hare 5:10 pm
Wednesday, January 8	Acts 2:1-21 <i>Pray with us as we arrive and many of us get our first glimpses of Kenya.</i>	Arrive Nairobi 9:50 pm (local time) – Overnight at PCEA Guest House
Thursday, January 9	Acts 2:42-47 <i>Pray with us that we might appreciate more deeply those things that are essential to our practice of Christian community and for the ability to distinguish them from our particular cultural forms.</i>	Meet PCEA Leaders; Travel to Meru to meet Imenti Presbytery leaders, disperse to area communities. Group members from Harvard and Waltham will travel to Githiga to stay at the Githiga Children's Home.
Friday, January 10	Acts 3:1-16 <i>Pray with us as we sort through our responses to the human needs we are encountering as we visit our Imenti partners in their communities.</i>	Visits with host families and congregations – visit schools, churches, and other institutions.*
Saturday, January 11	Acts 4:1-21 <i>Pray for the church in Kenya and its ministries of education and economic development.</i>	Visits with host families and congregations continue.*
Sunday, January 12	Acts 4:32-37 <i>Give thanks with us for the hospitality we are receiving.</i>	Worship with host congregations.*
Monday, January 13	Acts 5:1-11 <i>Pray for us as we encounter aspects of life in the Kenyan church that may raise questions and concern for us.</i>	Visits with host families and congregations continue.*

Tuesday, January 14	Acts 5:12-21,27-29 <i>Give thanks for the bold witness of Kenyan believers.</i>	Meru**
Wednesday, January 15	Acts 6:1-7 <i>Join us in praying for our participation the Kenya Partnership meeting.</i>	Meru**
Thursday, January 16	Acts 8:4-25 <i>Pray with us that we might gain insight into the cultural, economic, and political context of Kenya.</i>	Meru**
Friday, January 17	Acts 8:26-40 <i>Join us in giving thanks for the natural beauty of Kenya.</i>	Meru**
Saturday, January 18	Acts 9:1-22 <i>Give thanks for the Blackhawk-Imenti partnership and pray that it might flourish.</i>	Meru**
Sunday, January 19	Acts 10:1-20,44-48 <i>Pray for those who will be sharing in leading worship today.</i>	Worship in Meru, farewell lunch; travel to Sweetwaters Tented Safari Camp for rest, recreation, debriefing.
Monday, January 20	Acts 11:19-26 <i>Pray for those who seek to be wise stewards of Kenya's wildlife and natural resources.</i>	At Sweetwaters
Tuesday, January 21- Wednesday, January 22	Acts 13:1-5 <i>Please pray for the team as we return home and re-enter our daily routines.</i>	Leave Sweetwater's; travel to Nairobi. Depart from Nairobi at 12:15 am Wednesday; arrive at O'Hare 3:05 pm

*the plans for our times with congregations are a bit less structured than on some earlier trips; this is an important time for building relationships, renewing partnerships or laying the foundations for new ones, listening and learning

**activities planned for Meru include – participation in a food distribution using the funds received in the Coins for Kenya offering, a Kenya Partnership meeting to review and plan for future exchanges