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WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Travel in 2013

Malawi

In April 2013, Becky Jo Anderson and Linda Giroux partnered with Kelsey Ziegler from Lakeside Church as we traveled to Malawi to provide teacher training in Nywbawe. Kelsey had spent a year in Malawi working as a missionary and was now returning with us to help train the local teachers on how to set up a Children's Ministry. What a joy it was to see the Malawian teachers grasp the knowledge so firmly that they were able to lead their own Vacation Bible School with the kids in the nearby town of Blantyre!

Kenya

Fifty5five's Malawi team then traveled on to Nairobi and met up with the rest of our team flying in from the US. From there we all were transported to the town of Kisii, Kenya where we once again did the Teacher Training and Vacation Bible School.

I will let Pastor Victor Mose sum up the impact of the trip: "After the Teacher Training followed the VBS. This has had an amazing turnout. Being the first visit by the Fifty5five ministers of the word, God have ministered to both the adults and the young ones.

The team was indeed a powerful tool in God's hand. They have reached more than 300 kids during the VBS from different denomination. Our special thanks go to the sending churches in the USA and the team that volunteered to come over and preach the good news. God bless you greatly.

Hope this is not the end but the beginning of your ministry to Kisii. Our prayer is that God opens the doors for more ministries for you and the rest who are willing to come and preach the word. Glory be to God the father and our Lord Jesus Christ the Savior! Amen!"

Special points of interest:

- TRAVEL IN 2013
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Future Events:

- SPRING TEA
GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 30
FIREWORKS STAND JUNE 27-JULY 4
CHRISTMAS TEA

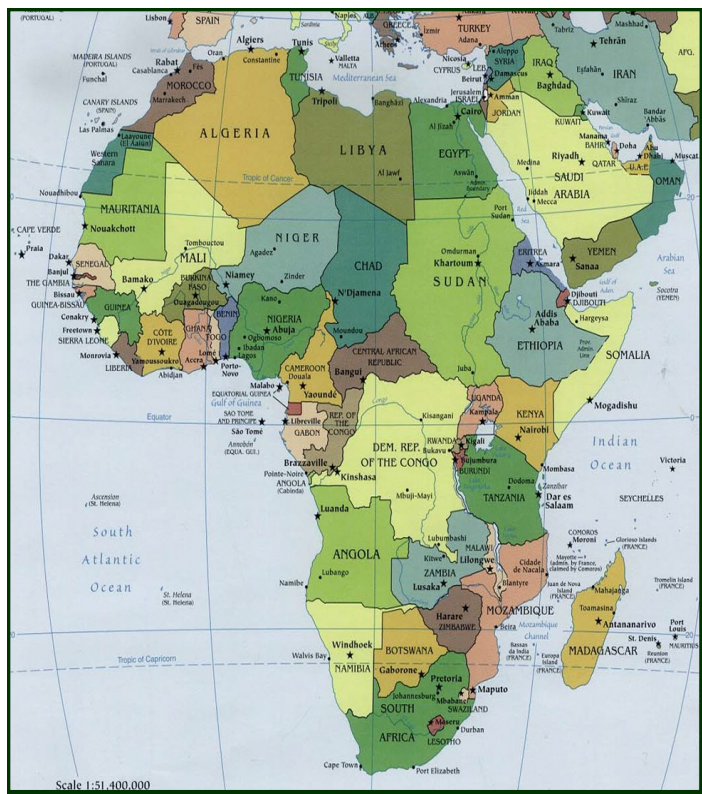
Ethiopia 2014

January 10 we set out on our first mission of 2014... to Ethiopia! We will be training teachers in the village of Archer and holding a one day Vacation Bible School before traveling on to Addis Ababa (say it out loud... it's a great name!) for another 3 days of training teachers and a 2 day VBS.

Our Ethiopian team consists of: Becky Jo Anderson, Theresa Cane, Jerry Coronado, Linda Giroux, Lavon Stewart, and from Lakeside Church of Folsom: Jaime Majors and Kristin Perez.

We will have some challenges living in a hut with no showers for a week but that's just part of the adventure! We would greatly appreciate your prayers for our work in Ethiopia from January 10th through the 25th.

As a supporter of Fifty5five, these praises are for you as well. Without the prayer, funding and many hours of craft preparation, we would not be nearly as effective. Churches around the world would not be mingling with those of other denominations, children would not be taught about God's Word in a manner that ministers to their age level, and most importantly, the calling the Lord has set on our hearts would not be fulfilled. YOU ARE A PART OF THE MISSION.



## Spring 2014 Trips

This year we have the ability to offer a one week trip, two week trip, or a three week trip! Consider joining us for any or all portions!

### Masai Mara, Kenya

March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>

We will be traveling to remote villages of Masai Mara, working with Christ believing Massai warriors who have been ministered to by Pastor Liston Manenga over the last 20 years. This will be the first time these people will be exposed to training on how to reach their children for Christ. This portion of our trip may have a bit more rustic living conditions but the privilege of working with these Christ followers will be well worth the sacrifice of creature comforts.

### Tanzania, Africa

April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>

The Masai Mara team will be traveling through Nairobi, Kenya dropping off any travelers who only wanted a one week adventure, and picking up the remainder of our team who will work for 2 weeks in Tanzania, Africa. Again we will be providing Teacher Training to adult believers and Vacation Bible School to the children.

Please pray about joining us. If you are interested, please email us at [info@fifty5five.com](mailto:info@fifty5five.com) for more information and fill out an application on our website at [www.fifty5five.com](http://www.fifty5five.com)

## A Huge Thank You to the folks at Fifty5five

### By Pam McClanahan

As our team was preparing to come to Kenya, we were asked to provide 6 days of Vacation Bible School for 81 children, including stories, crafts and games. I, for one, was a bit overwhelmed at the thought, having never done VBS before. But my friend, Karen Gustafson, from Christ Community Church, took me to a Christmas Tea put on by an organization called Fifty5Five ([fifty5five.com](http://fifty5five.com)). I quickly discovered that this was just another of the ways God would bless our team so we could bless the people of Kenya while working with Christ's Hope International. Fifty5Five is all about teaching Christian adults throughout the world how to present the love of Jesus Christ to children by providing the tools to create and conduct a thriving Children's



*Christ's Hope's OVC Coordinator (Orphans and Vulnerable Children), Dorcus...as Dorcas from the book of Acts! She did a fantastic job!*



*Here is one of the students at Manyatta, rolling the big dice! He must act like the animal that comes up on top while reciting the memory verse from Acts 16:31!*

Ministry. Following the tea, I made an appointment to meet with Linda Giroux from Fifty5Five, and a partnership was formed! Linda and Becky Jo Anderson provided training for us and supplies to teach numerous Bible stories to the children of Kenya. As a result of this partnership we traveled well prepared and the children of Kenya learned the word of God through many creative activities. Fifty5Five also provides training to teachers in America on how to use these tools for an effective Children's Ministry program. I pray many will learn about this organization and bless them as they have blessed us! Fifty5Five...we cannot thank you enough!

Love & blessings, Pamela and the team!

## Letter from Kenya

### Praise to our Lord

We take this opportunity to thank the Lord for all He allows us to do on His behalf.

*Praise the Lord sister Linda.*

*This is Haron Awura from Kenya. We first met at Brother Joshua's place in Kisumu Ahero at Ombeyi area last year in April. To me it is a greatest opportunity that God has given me at least to thank you for being able to plan for another trip back to Kenya, only to reach the hearts of his people through your inspiring Bible teachings. Let me put this clear to you sister Linda plus your team. This teachings is not only for the young ones, but for all groups of age. Like myself; To be open, the teachings, illustrations and the materials you gave my Sunday school teachers has really helped the growth of our church that am leading here in Kenya, and i personally learned a lot that i had not come across in the ministry work.*

*Thank you very much for your sacrifice and concern with God's people. Say hi to all servants of God that you are teaming up with.*

*Kind regards  
Haron Awura  
Kenya*

### Language 101

Malasi, Africa  
How are you? I am fine.  
Onto mazuka  
bwangee  
Efa dazuka bueno

## Volunteer Spotlight

Linda Newton of Pine Grove, CA is our current highlighted volunteer for Fifty5five. Like many of those who donate their time and effort, Linda cuts out and assembles crafts for the kids who attend Vacation Bible School around the world. But that's not all! Linda has taken her support for our mission program to another level by finding locations in Pine Grove to market some of our boutique items year round. She keeps The Inn Salon, owned by Debby Evans, stocked with some of our hand crafted products which provide a small, steady income to Fifty5five year round.

Ponder this! Is there someone you know who might place some items in their place of business? Thanks Linda, for thinking outside the box!



## Amazing Supporters!

We at Fifty5five continue to be grateful for the love and encouragement of all our supporters. At a time when the economy has had its ups and downs, we find that as God continues to bless you, you continue to bless us. What an amazing thing it is to watch the Lord provide daily, just as our needs arise.

As you may know, each of our travelers must pay his or her own way on these journeys of ours and airline fees have skyrocketed. If the Lord lays it on your heart, you may make donations to be applied to any traveler who has not met their financial obligations for a given trip. As you do this, you, as well as the traveler, have participated in training teachers to spread the Gospel to children around the world. God bless you.

***How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"***  
***Romans 10:14-15***

"Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for He has endowed you with splendor."  
Isaiah 55:5



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### Spring Tea

If you've ever attended a Fifty5five tea, you know that it brings delight to those young and old. In addition to the yummy food, there is humor, fellowship, and great shopping! (We'll be coming home loaded with interesting gift items fresh from Ethiopia!)

Stay tuned for firm dates for our Spring Tea (right around Mother's Day).

You may email us at [www.fifty5five.com](http://www.fifty5five.com) for reservations.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and children under 10 are \$15



### Golf Tournament

Jay Case of Fifty5five is in the process of organizing our first annual Golf Tournament. You can help by promoting this event to all those you know who love golf! Don't miss out on this very fun afternoon!

**Date:** Friday May 30, 2014

**Place:** Morgan Creek, LLC  
8791 Morgan Creek Lane  
Roseville CA

**Time:** Registration at 11:30 am  
Shot gun start at 1:00 pm

**Price:** \$120 with early bird discount of \$10 if paid 45 days prior to tournament date  
Includes golf, riding cart, range balls, dinner and complimentary water and soft drinks on the course  
Four person scramble. Singles can sign up and we'll find a place for them

**Meal:** Dinner buffet at conclusion of tournament: Chicken Marsala, 2 sides, salad, bread, dessert

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Closest to pin  
Longest drive (men and women)  
Raffle prizes  
Putting and Chipping challenge

If you are interested serving at this event, know of anyone who might be interested in promoting their business through sponsorship or donating items for the raffle, or have questions regarding the tournament, please contact Jay Case at 916-396-2755 or by email at [jay\\_case@comcast.net](mailto:jay_case@comcast.net)