

**St. James' Anglican Church, Orillia  
Kenya Projects  
Our Journey Continues**

Our journey began in 2011, when Rosemarie (retired RN), David Freeman (Pharmacist) and Dr. Fran McCordic, parishioners from St. James', joined Canon Kim Beard on his mission trip to Kenya. Thirteen medical/dental clinics were held during this trip and on our return, we started to explore what could be done to contribute to the ongoing needs in Nairobi. We chose to raise funds for laboratory equipment for the medical clinic and supply medication at the Holy Trinity site in Kibera and also to supply medication for the ACK St. Nicholas Children's Home in Karen. It took approximately nine months to obtain permission from the Revenue Canada Agency to use funds raised through St. James' for projects outside of Canada and to prepare the appropriate documents. In June of 2012 we returned to oversee the opening of the new laboratory at Kibera and to organize the medication cupboard for St. Nicholas.

Over the next years, both these projects have remained viable through funds raised by the parishioners, friends and families associated with St. James'. Clients served over these years have greatly increased, in part due to the availability of free lab testing and medication. The medical clinic, with Dr. Stanley Simiyu at the helm, has been designated an official clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of HIV and tuberculosis, both prevalent illnesses in Kibera. Dr. Stanley is also now the attending doctor for the children and staff at the St. Nicholas Children's Home. In 2013 we were able to urgently send funds for vaccines when St. Nicholas had a typhoid outbreak amongst the children and staff. In 2014 and 2016 we returned and provided additional medical clinics in Kibera and in Bungoma, at the ancestral home of the former Archbishop of Kenya. In 2017 St. James' donated funds to purchase a new dental chair for the Holy Trinity Dental Clinic which was closed in 2015. Dr. Stanley then sent us a report regarding the success of the new dental facility. From September to December 2017, 723 clients were seen and in 2018, they saw 2506 clients at both clinics. This is amazing! Those who can pay do so, but no one who needs care at either the medical or dental clinics is turned away. Over the last 2-3 years The Mother and Child/Family Planning Clinic has opened, and uncomplicated deliveries are now being done at Holy Trinity Clinic. In 2021 we were able to purchase new ultrasound equipment to replace the used ultrasound that we had donated in 2012. The Vine Foundation, charitable arm of the Diocese of All Saints' Cathedral, Kenya, is responsible for providing staff at the medical clinic and now has hired a locum dentist. Our projects continue to provide supplies for the laboratory and dental clinic and medications for both clinics as well as the ACK St. Nicholas Children's Home in Karen.

Our goal is that the clinics will eventually become self sufficient, but this will take time. Our mission trip for 2020 had to be postponed because of the Covid Pandemic. Our next mission trip is planned for May 2023. We have 18 eager participants. Included in our group from St. James' are Rosemarie and David Freeman, Fran McCordic, Nynka Greer, Nory Hamilton, Chris Decker, Ruth and Faith Bark. This trip provides an opportunity to appreciate and fulfill the needs of others as well as to experience many aspects of life in Kenya. We will be raising funds for medical and lab supplies to send in the new year and again in the spring for the mission trip. All donations go to the clinics, participants pay their own way. We are privileged that the 2022 St. James' Advent Conspiracy Project raised funds for food distribution in Kibera. These funds are to be sent in January 2023. As you know drought in Kenya and the war in Ukraine has devastated their food supply. Please donate through the church if you are able. If we raise enough funds we will also purchase food to distribute in May/June 2023. Thank you so much for your support.



Rosemarie and David Freeman,  
Dr. Fran McCordic

## Kenya Mission Projects – Fundraising

We are raising funds for clinic supplies for our mission trip May 18-June 3, 2023.

Tax receipts will be issued for your donation.

If sending by mail include the insert below, attached to your cheque

or

donate through the St. James' website (drop down box will indicate Kenya medical/lab supplies). Thank you.

Mailing address:

**St. James' Anglican Church**  
**58 Peter Street North, Box 272**  
**Orillia, Ontario**  
**L3V 6J6**

**Attn: Kenya Mission Project**

### **Kenya Mission Projects Donation** **Medical & Lab Supplies for Clinics 2022/23**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Make cheque out to St. James' Anglican Church**  
**(Kenya Projects-Clinic Supplies in left lower corner)**