

MEDICAL TEAMS WORLDWIDE

MEDICAL RELIEF

GARISSA, KENYA 2016

WINTER 2016



Typical homes in Madogo village.



Dr. Kelley listens for pneumonia in a young child.



THE MISSION

This fall, Medical Teams Worldwide was asked again to give medical relief to Garissa, Kenya. Garissa is a town of 150,000 where last April 2015 Al-Shabaab attacked the local University killing 147. Consequently, many relief agencies have left the city and have not come back. This trip, Medical Teams Worldwide was asked to immunize the local children against tetanus, measles, mumps and whooping cough. \$13,000 worth of vaccine had been purchased for the trip from Pharmacists Without Borders. We had gotten cooperation from the local medical officials for the program. However 2 days before the team was to leave for Garissa, the Regional Health Care official halted the program, refusing to meet with any of our representatives. The official "did not trust" the purity of vaccines from "foreigners". So the vaccination program has been postponed until March 2017, as the Luhya and Nandi (Kalenjin) communities in Western Kenya have also asked for an immunization program. With a new Health Care Official and plenty of lead time there should be no problems with the program.



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The Team (left to right): Grant, Maureen Jones, Eric Salleh, Joe Jones, Nooshi, Babu Amindo, Jason Witt, Dr. Alan Kelley, Tim and Marsha Dillard



MADOGO A MEDICAL CLINIC

The team arrived in Garissa and joined up again with the Witts family who work with Bethany International Ministries who operate a small medical clinic, a grade school and a farm intern program. On the first day the team arrived the town of Madogo mid-afternoon. Dr. Kelley and the team quickly unloaded and set up the medical clinic. Dr. Kelley saw over 60 patients that afternoon. Over 20% of the children seen by Dr. Kelley were found to have protein malnutrition. On that day Dr. Kelley saw many illnesses such as bronchitis, pneumonia, anemia, skin infections, malaria and diarrhea. At the clinic, all patients and their children received deworming treatments and 14 days worth of vitamins. Also 20 pairs of reading glasses were fitted and dispensed to the elderly as they could not read due to age related farsightedness.

ANOLE VILLAGE MEDICAL CLINIC

The next day the team drove 15 kilometers to Anole village where the Witts have a small clinic building and their community farm. The team saw nearly 170 patients that day. Each patient also received vitamins and



A significant number of patients had infected skin ulcers.



Every patient was registered and their vital signs were taken by Grant.



Dr. Kelley examines a man's infected eye.



This girl had an infected ulcer cleaned and she was given 2 weeks of antibiotics, along with wound-changing materials.

IN WARDEI VILLAGE, OVER 20% OF THE CHILDREN SUFFERED FROM MALNUTRITION AND ANEMIA. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE TRIP NEARLY 400 CHILDREN AND ADULTS WERE GIVEN 2 WEEKS' WORTH OF MULTIVITAMINS AND WERE DE-WORMED



Dr. Alan Kelley examines a child's ear for infection.



Maureen Jones worked as our pharmacist.



A woman tries on various reading glasses for the best vision.

a de-worming treatment. Another 50 pairs of reading glasses were dispensed by the team. The diseases seen by Dr. Kelley again included, pneumonia, malaria, diarrhea, ear infections and bronchitis. A large percentage of the children in this village also had significant anemia which was treated with iron supplements. Most of the patients were from Somalia.

WARDEI VILLAGE

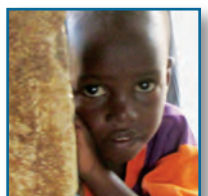
On the third day the team visited Wardei village, where the Malakote tribe lives, in the Bantu community. At Wardei the team was able to treat another 170 patients, 200 people were given de-worming treatments along with vitamin supplementations and 70 pairs of glasses were dispensed to the elderly. Dr Kelley noted that up to 30% of the children suffered from malnutrition and anemia in this village. Dr. Kelley also treated many cases of bronchitis, skin infections from untreated burns, ear infections, diarrhea, a few malaria and many fungal infections.

In total the team was able to treat over 400 patients for illnesses and dispense over 400 de-worming treatments and vitamin supplements and dispense over 180 pairs of glasses.

The towns of Madogo, Anole and Wardei were very thankful for the medical help Medical Teams Worldwide provided during our visit.



Due to limited access Dr. Kelley saw 3-4 week-old infected burns in children.





Many children had advanced tooth decay in most of their teeth.



Over 20% of the children in one village had severe malnutrition.



Many of the children were very happy to see the medical team visit their village.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

RETURN TO KENYA TO CONTINUE THE VACCINATION PROJECT

This spring, Medical Teams Worldwide will be traveling to Western Kenya, near the Ugandan border. The team is planning to give primary care to 400-800 children and immunize 1000 children for measles, mumps, rubella and tetanus. They also plan to de-worm the children and distribute reading glasses to the elderly.



CLINIC FOR THE MAASAI TRIBE IN KISERIAN, KENYA

Due to the medical needs around the Tamalaki School and the over 20 mile walk to the nearest manned clinic, Medical Teams Worldwide is committed to providing Tamalaki school a medical clinic. Already Dr. Tessa Mutku has agreed to donate her time one day a week and we can hire a local community nurse for the other days of the week. Such a clinic would cost \$50,000 to purchase and ship to Kenya. **Any donation in support of the clinic would affect thousands of lives yearly.** Please send any designated donations to the address below.



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