

KENYA HOPE



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TUNNEL VISION.... (part two)

Christmas is the perfect time to wrap up our discussion of “tunnel vision!” For the most part, we appreciate life being comfortable, consistent and convenient. While comforts are nice, there is a danger in that we begin to believe that 1. It is our right—that we deserve to be comfortable. 2. It is the norm – we believe that everyone lives with these comforts. Our tunnel vision prohibits us from realizing that there is a greater percentage of the world that does not live lives that are made up of comforts and conveniences.

Deciding to fulfill our role as ambassadors to a lost world by going on a mission trip is definitely a step in breaking free from this tunnel vision. Traveling outside of our home town immediately takes us away from everything that is familiar and comfortable. Team members have shared that the biggest hurdles for their first trip were the “unknowns.” Where will I sleep, what will the bathrooms be like? Food, smells, language.....all new, different and unfamiliar. The reason so many of us remained trapped in our tunnel vision mentality really boils down to fear.....fear of the unknown, the unfamiliar. Fear paralyzes us to the point that we don't move past what is comfortable.

“We walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

Jesus Christ is the perfect example of someone who left all that was familiar and comfortable behind. I would say that going from the splendor of heaven to being born in a lowly barn was a major step outside what was comfortable. As the song says, “Love came down at Christmas.” It most certainly did! Christ's example should at least motivate us to get off the couch! The year 2018 is coming to a close, a new year awaits us. Let 2019 be the year that we step away from the bondage of tunnel vision mentality, we step outside our comfort zones, our fears and serve God in a way fresh new way!

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas!

Joy Mueller



*The school of faith has no
graduates, just
Interns!*



Gifts Worth Giving

We are excited to be able to offer you our Christmas Gift Brochure with alternative gift ideas for this holiday season. We've carefully chosen these gift items because of the lasting impact they will bring to individuals, families and communities. We are grateful to donors who have pledged to match all audio Bibles and goats purchased during this Christmas season, allowing you to give two for the price of one!!

Don't miss the deadline for year-end giving!! All gifts need to be received by December 31, 2018 in order to receive a charitable deduction for the 2018 tax year. Keep in mind that gifts of stocks or other securities may take two to three weeks to process at year-end.

DID YOU KNOW THAT CHARITABLE GIFTS CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY FROM AN IRA (INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT) TAX FREE?

As you consider if an IRA charitable gift is right for you or someone you know, consider a few conditions:

- Gifts are tax-free up to \$100,000 per year for joint filers and \$50,000 per year for single individuals
- IRA owner must be age 70 ½ or older
- Gifts qualify for all or part of your required minimum distributions (RMD)
- Gifts must be made directly to Kenya Hope
- Gifts may only be from traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs

YOU CAN ALSO GIVE APPRECIATED STOCK DIRECTLY TO KENYA HOPE

If you have appreciated stock in a non-retirement account, you can gift directly to Kenya Hope. Here are some of the advantages:

- Gifts given directly to Kenya Hope avoid capital gains and therefore, the donor does not have to pay tax on the appreciation
- The gift qualifies as a charitable donation and therefore can be claimed as an itemized deduction on your tax return
- Kenya Hope will receive the funds and also will pay zero income tax

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLF OUTING

May 29, 2019
Pilgrim's Run Golf Course

MEN'S SAFARI TRIP
June 1-8, 2019

Contact the Kenya Hope office to learn more about how you can be apart of these upcoming events.



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