

# AFRICAN BUSH EXPERIENCE

## The Misunderstanding!

I thought that I was ready for the trip when I'd packed the special First Aid kit and the face cloth size antibacterial wipes. Knowing that our Missionary Pastor William Ray Ombui was stationed in Kisii, Kenya and that he had urged me to stay at one of the Hotels in the city on this trip, I thought he was near town and that we would be traveling into the bush on occasion. Well, I was wrong. Yes, all our correspondence went through Kisii because there is no mail delivery in the bush. And when Pastor sent us e-mail, it wasn't because he had a computer, or even electricity, it was because he went to town on Tuesdays and Thursdays and paid to use an e-mail account. Let me just say that he does not live near the city.

## The Journey!

After 22 hours in the air, you arrive in the capital city of Nairobi. Then after a 250 mile, 8 hour bus ride over roads that are often washed out, potholed and full of gullies; you arrive in the city of Kisii. The city is home to 50,000 or more. It is divided into 3 districts with a total of almost 1,000,000 people in the area. There you get to search for a taxi. Oh, a taxi is usually a Toyota pickup truck with planks laid along the borders of the 6 foot bed. In this vehicle you commonly fit 19 or more people. After securing such a transport you then travel for another 2 ½ to 3 hours into the bush country. If they don't drive you past the city center, you walk the rest of the way. It is just another hour along the Equator, at 95° temperatures and an elevation of 4,600 feet.



## The Arrival!

The trip began 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and I arrived at the Kenya Mission headquarters

on Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at about 1p.m. (That would be 6 am our time). The entire trip took 39 hours from start to finish. Once I arrived at the Pastors home I was introduced to his family, 3 girls and 2 boys, and then we sat and eat a little for lunch. Corn meal and rice was the menu, I discovered later that this was the average meal whether lunch or dinner. We talked for about an hour after which they allowed me to sleep about 2 hours before waking me up to teach the men of the Bible College for the next 3 hours. After that, we went back to Pastor's hut sang and talked and prayed for the next few hours before turning in for the night at about 10 p.m.. Did I happen to mention that we were in the bush? That means that there is a 3 room mud hut 32' by 32' with no running water or heat, built on a hill so the dirt floor is on a slant.

You use an arbor down the hill for a rest room, it's a hole in the ground surrounded on 3 sides by leaf walls. You wash with a small bowl of water and soap, behind another small enclosure (or you use 4 of the face cloth sized antibacterial wipes you remembered to pack, Praise the Lord).



## The Work!

Since 1992 Pastor Ombui has worked under Gospel Outreach Int. as our Missionary. He has done a terrific job establishing 19 Churches with the congregations averaging 60 people. He has also taught 9 men over the years from the congregations who now Pastor these local Churches. A Bible College has been established within the last 5 years that presently has an enrollment of 45 Students and there is now a small Medical Dispensary in the neighboring City Center.

## The Needs!

Pastor Ombui and his family are indigenous people, living and working in their native country as missionaries, planting Churches and training other nationals for the work of the Ministry. They both work part time earning a very meager wage as they work for the Lord. After spending time there and seeing for myself what they and the Church have need of, I make the following recommendations.

### Personal Needs:

Monthly Support:	\$ 300	
Motorcycle:	\$ 2000	
	\$ 5600	- Total for 1 year

### Church Needs:

Church Roof:	\$ 350	
Bible College Roof:	\$ 500	
2 Dormitory Roofs:	\$ 1500	
	\$ 2350	- 1 Time project



### Ministry Needs:

*Medical Missionary* Full time  
*Medicines for the Dispensary* Needed monthly  
Pray for our brother Ombui and if the Lord impresses your heart with the need please help as the Lord provides with Prayer and or Finances, and let us know.

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