



MAASAILAND

An Adventure in Service

August 7-20, 2012

Join a small group of invited guests into the heart of Maasailand, Kenya, to experience the Maasai culture, learn about the challenges it faces, and celebrate two successful Rotary funded water projects that have transformed life for tens of thousands of Maasai people. Water is life in the dry lands of East Africa, and Maasai take their herds of cattle and sheep many kilometers in search of water and grasses; women walk many miles as well to carry water to their villages for cooking, washing and drinking. The water projects at Mosiro and Erusiai have been miracles that have enabled schools and clinics to begin to flourish, vegetable gardens to be planted, and health to be restored. Come and experience Kenya's extraordinary wildlife, celebrate these miracles, hear of the hope that water brings, and become part of the miracle at Enkareta, the site of our next project.



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Project Celebration!



Rotarian Joe Vitella with Maasai Leader



Prescott College Students at Erusiai Project

DAILY ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2

NAIROBI: Relax & Shopping

Land at Nairobi, Kenya's capitol city where we will rest one full day (2 nights) at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, and take in shopping and sights

DAYS 3-5

NAROK: Visit Completed Projects

Outbound in morning to the town of Narok, in the Great Rift Valley, for 3 nights stay at the Seasons Hotel. We will take day trips from Narok to visit to water projects at Erusiai and Mosiro and partake of a community celebration at Mosiro. We will visit a women's beading cooperative, and a village called Enkareta to meet our partners in the next Rotary water project.

DAYS 6-8

MAASAI MARA: View Wildlife

Outbound to Maasai Mara for 3 night stay at Sarova Mara Game Camp with beautiful grounds, elegant dining, and lots of opportunities to view wildlife in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, designated by UNESCO one of the 7th Natural Wonders of the World. Activities include half or full-day game drives and bush walks with

Maasai naturalists. We will witness the annual migration of a million wildebeest; optional balloon ride over the migration available on request. We will visit with students and teachers of the Siana Primary Boarding School, the best school in Maasailand which seeks to provide Maasai children with a modern education while strengthening their own Maasai culture. In the evenings we relax around a fire, learn about the culture of the Purko clan of the Maasai, the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem, and dine in beauty and comfort.

DAYS 9-10

LAKE ELMENTEITA: History & Culture

One day/night visit to Lake Elmenteita country Lodge. We will learn here from our Maasai hosts about this place with its rich British colonial history, and take in more game viewing, especially of flamingoes and pelicans. Optional trip to natural hot springs. Here we will meet our partner Rotary club in Naivasha.

DAY 11

NAIROBI: Debriefing

Drive back to Nairobi for one last night at the Stanley Hotel, last minute shopping and preparation for return to US the following day.

PROJECTS & PARTNERS

MOSIRO AND ERUSIAI ROTARY WATER PROJECTS

In 2004, the people of Erusiai, Kenya, had realized a part of a dream to create a better life for their children; they built a clapboard schoolhouse with wood from the local forest and donated desks. But with no clean water for drinking, lunch, washing, and with children too sick

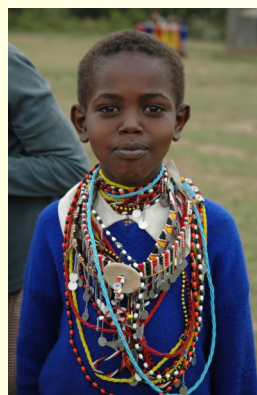
with diseases like trachoma, colds and typhoid to come regularly to class, and no government teachers willing to live without water, only handfuls of students received a poor education. Today, the Erusiai school is thriving and it is due to the deep well and distribution system built by AZ Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. With water, the Kenyan government and other partners have been willing to invest: floors were cemented, new classrooms and latrines built, committed teachers arrived and a lunch program funded and children no longer faint from hunger in class. Today 392 children are being educated and dozens have sat for secondary school exams. Because the borehole delivered an abundance of water, World Vision expanded distribution to an additional 20,000 people. Through partnership with World Vision, and the Kenyan Ministry of Education, and the establishment of a local water management committee led by women, the project is a model of sustainability.

Meitamei Olol Dapash

Growing up in rural Maasailand, Meitamei founded the Maasai Environmental Resource Coalition (MERC) at age 24 and has been fighting for the cultural, economic and political survival of the Maasai community since. Meitamei represents the interests of Maasai people in the Species Survival Network, Cultural Survival, and at international forums including CITIES (Convention International Trade In Endangered Species). He has consulted with the World Bank, spoken on the BBC and Voice of America, and has articles published in numerous publications including Humane Society Magazine, Cultural Survival Quarterly, and the African Wildlife Institute and is a Synergos Senior Fellow. MERC's current work focuses on the return of ancestral Maasai land at Mau Narok, clean water projects, and support for schools. Meitamei is a founding member of the Narok Rotary club in Maasailand, Kenya, and he is our host on this Trip.



The success of the Erusiai project inspired a group of Arizona Rotarians to travel to Kenya in 2008 to meet the people of Mosiro and develop a second project. A well had been drilled in this dry place but the water needed to be distributed; three primary schools, one secondary school and a health clinic existed within a 10 mile radius of the well but all were barely surviving without water. Upon their return to the US, the Rotarians mobilized RD



5490, and under the sponsorship of the Sedona Rotary, funds were raised and a full distribution system installed at a cost of \$100,000. This has transformed the lives of 30,000 people, sustained the health of their cattle during droughts, and enabled all schools and the clinic to thrive. Through partnership with Operation of Eyesight and the government of Kenya, and the local water management committee, the sustainability of this project is assured. Kenya's Vice President, Kalonzo Musyoka, presided at the dedication

ceremony in 2010 and promised additional government support including electrification and staffing of the clinic.

MAASAI COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

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The MCPP was created in 2004 by Meitamei Olol Dapash, MERC Executive Director and Mary Poole, of Prescott College in Arizona, as an outreach group to work with international partners who are supporting water and other projects in Maasailand and to ensure the sustainability of those projects once completed. It is based in Maasailand, at the MCPP center near Talek in Narok District, and in Prescott, Arizona.



12 days/11 nights in Kenya

Total Cost: \$5,000

INCLUDED

All transportation within Kenya, accommodation and meals in the Mara and Elmenteita; breakfast in Nairobi and Narok. Water on game drives, services of Maasai naturalists, and park entrance fees.

NOT INCLUDED

International flights, visas for Kenya, gratuities, bottled drinks and alcoholic beverages, laundry services, optional excursions and activities "on your own." Trip medical insurance is recommended and available inexpensively through www.amref.org/flying-doctors

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