KENYA CHRISTIAN FAMILY CONFERENCE

On June 28th, 25 pastors and their wives gathered in Embu, Kenya, for a Christian Family and Ministry conference, led by DWTX and a local Kenyan organization. This conference was groundbreaking. On one level, it was a rare opportunity for so many tribes to be present in one place. There were 15 tribes (including the DWTX Tribe) represented at the conference, most of which, the Samburu and Turkana for example, are warring even today. The gathering provided a venue for tribal feuds to be put aside as pastoral men and women from all across Eastern Africa worshiped and served together in ministry. One of the pastors said, "The devil uses diversity to divide us, but it is our diversity that shows the unity of God."

Through our time spent in Embu, Christ also offered healing to the remarkable couples whose relationships were either new and fragile, or more matured yet fading. The pastors and wives heard lectures on Communication, Husband and Wife Relationships, Raising Godly Children, Polygamy, Divorce, and many other topics that sought to illustrate what a Christ-like relationship looks like in their ministry to each other as well as how it affects their ministry to the church.

The conference presented the opportunity for husbands and wives to talk openly about their marriages, as well as to participate in ministry together. This is something that was new to many of the couples, as one woman testified, "This is the first time my husband has asked me to go on a mission with him, and I have learned that the problems between a husband and wife go into the church and affect the church, and so we must be faithful to each other." Another pastor's wife, Mary, agreed saying, "I am imperfect, but our imperfections don't matter because God is perfect. And [in our relationship] we must show each other the love of Christ."

Joseph and Sarah thanked God for our meeting in this place, "I am strengthened and revived. I have learned so much. Thank you, I am so blessed, and our marriage is strong now." Vicana and Moses left with smiles on their faces, as Vicana said, "I have been 15 years in marriage, but today is like a honeymoon." The Holy Spirit was indeed at work in all of the struggling, volatile relationships that were present. Husbands and wives returned home renewed and strengthened, and tribal differences paled in importance to the Body of Christ coming together for the mission of the Church.
2017 DWTX World Mission Trips Announced

July 6-21 - Band & Bible (Uganda) - Team Leader, Eric Fenton
July 17-23 - St. David's Youth (Haiti) - Team Leader, Mary Hayden Manning
July 17-24 - Christ Church Youth (New York City) - Team Leader, Gavin Rogers
August 1-8 - Guatemala Construction - Team Leader, Nancy Springer
Fall (TBA) - Threads of Blessing (Uganda) - Team Leaders, Helen & Garry Schnelzer