

Project Beyond catalyst

PROJECT BEYOND CATALYST IS A MINISTRY OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITING RESOURCE TEAMS WITH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS.

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More than once, the thirty-five people from Christ Community Church heard the residents of Jicamarca, Peru describe **themselves as “forgotten.”** While traveling the dusty streets surrounding Jicamarca, a **shanty town outside of Peru’s capital city,** these thirty-five people developed a more varied approach to ministry—one that communicated both the message and the compassion of Christ.

After several days of serving the people of Jicamarca, one of the local community leaders approached two mission trip team members. He invited them into his home because he wanted his family to hear **more about this “gospel” that he had seen in action.** Having never heard anything about Jesus, they were excited by the possibility of having a personal relationship with God the Father.

Five “resource teams” through Project Beyond Catalyst trained, served, and equipped the people of this remote village. While a medical team provided care for those who were ill, the clean water team educated the community about the benefits of drinking purified water and the construction of the bio-sand filter. North American teachers and volleyball players developed relationships with the children, a **women’s ministry team held daily conferences,** and an evangelism team devoted themselves to prayer and **preaching God’s love.**

The team also visited El Niño Emanuel Orphanage. While most team members **played with the children,** the women’s ministry team served the orphanage staff with massages and beauty treatments to underscore their beauty before God. While the children at the home face many challenges, they reach out to their own community in creative ways.

By the end of the trip, one area of Peru had been saturated with the gospel. The people of Jicamarca were grateful—and they will never be forgotten.





Kenya

July 9-26, 2009

Thirty-one people from Christ Community spent two weeks ministering to the people in the Kajiado District in Kenya **where the Girls' Rescue Center is located.**

The Rescue Center project is based on Jeremiah 29:11—**“For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future.”** Through construction, women's ministry, and athletics, this team saw that **“hope and a future” begin to become a reality** as walls were built, roofs laid, fences erected, bed frames painted, and beautiful flowers and fruit trees planted. Hope was also given to local young men who became employed because of the project; the area has a 60% unemployment rate.

The women's team shared God's truth to hundreds of women and children. Their hearts were also ministered to as they worked alongside women learning local recipes and trade skills.

Our athletics team brought track and field to 120 students in Kajiado. Many of **these students were involved in last year's sports camp**, so we were able to share **God's love and truth quicker and easier** because that relationship and trust had already been established.

The team also delivered needed food to two drought-stricken communities. Hearts were touched and lives were changed for **God's glory. Government support of the Rescue Center continued**, and by December, the first 10 girls will be living on the property!



Uganda

June 19-July 3, 2009

In a remote region in the Rwenzori Mountains of Western Uganda, physical illnesses, witchcraft, and hopelessness dominate the people. Our partner ministry in Uganda, Evangelization Strategies for Africa (ESFA), desires to present the gospel in a way that brings both salvation and practical help to a suffering people. And for two weeks in June, thirty-one people from Christ Community did just that.

A sports ministry team taught the fundamentals of soccer while sharing the hope of Christ to many school-aged children in the area. **At the same time, a women's ministry team met with over a hundred ladies** in both Ft. Portal—the major city of the region—and Karagutu—the focus of the local ministry. The team spoke directly to issues of identity in Christ, as well as sexuality, to Ugandan women who face constant violence and abuse. During this time, Ugandan friends also taught the North American women about their own culture, like how to make a cake over an open pit fire. Many built lasting friendships.

Two of the Christ Community teams addressed health-related issues. A team of doctors and nurses held a five-day medical clinic for the community members. Even though the medical needs far outweighed the resources, the American doctors saw and treated hundreds of people. **While the clinic was treating patients, Christ Community's clean water team** addressed health, hygiene, and sanitation issues. This team held a day-long **“Children's Water Festival” for 130 elementary students at the Kabasindagizi Learning Center.** With hands-on activities, games, and even a microscope, the children learned the importance of good community sanitation, proper personal hygiene, and clean drinking water.

The team from Christ Community experienced many emotions as they saw despair on the faces of many, and joy in the eyes of others. But after spending two weeks entrenched in the culture of Western Uganda, they arrived home knowing that God sustained them and that they accomplished what they went to do—giving people both immediate help and a lasting hope.



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