

# Kenya Global Program 2024

May 27-July 7 (6 Weeks) (Dates subject to slight change)

*For university students from North America*

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Building on a 40+ year history, Kenya GP students will experience first-hand what God is up to in this beautifully diverse and complex part of His world. Over 1000 students have participated since the Kenya GP started in 1980.

Students have **benefitted from this GP** by becoming **MORE** spiritually healthy, **MORE** in love with God and His world, **MORE** dependent on God in prayer, **MORE** confident in speaking from God's Word, and **BOLDER** in sharing their faith with others. Many students have been able to get continuing education, independent study or internship CREDIT from their participation in this GP. The multitude of experiences on this GP also reflect well when applying for JOBS and GRADUATE PROGRAMS.

The main purposes for this GP are to **introduce students to basic cross-cultural ministry skills** critical for any missionary; to **serve and encourage Kenyan churches, universities, children's homes, and schools**; and to **grow deeper in discipleship and spiritual development**.



## MINISTRY

The team will include students and campus staff from across the United States along with 4-5 Kenyan students and a Kenyan staff. Students will be equipped for cross-cultural ministry during orientation through speakers, simulations, and hands-on experiences; and grow together as a team through worship, Bible Study, prayer, and recreation. For ministry assignments, groups of 2-3 students will have the rare opportunity to live in the homes of Kenyan pastors and other ministers (scattered throughout Kenya) and serve under their leadership for 2+ weeks. Assignments may include working with churches, schools, and children's homes. Ministry may include preaching, giving testimonies, teaching, sharing the gospel, child-care, prayer ministry, and visiting church members. After 2+ weeks of ministry, the team will come together in Nairobi for a week. This time will be spent telling stories from ministry assignments as well as getting exposure to university ministry in the Nairobi area. The final week in Kenya will focus on debriefing and re-entry training. We will discuss what we learned, pray through the applications for our lives and on campus, and prepare to re-enter American culture.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Students who go to Kenya need to be ready to offer the hope of the Gospel through verbal witness and service; and need to be able to clearly articulate the essentials of the gospel message. Qualities sought in applicants include spiritual and interpersonal maturity, teachability, flexibility, and the ability to work on a team. Little language preparation is needed as we will typically use translators where English is not spoken. Preference will be given to students who come with other students from their campus, sophomores and above, and students with leadership experience. Students must NOT have gage earrings or tattoos they are unable or unwilling to cover. A jewelry, hair, and dress code will be in place due to cultural sensitivity considerations.

## SCHEDULE (subject to change)

May 27	Join teammates in USA prior to departure to Nairobi
May 29	Arrive in Nairobi
May 30-June 6	Orientation in Nairobi
June 7-23	Ministry assignments throughout Kenya
June 24-30	Back in Nairobi for story-telling and ministry exposure
July 1-5	Re-Entry Training
July 6	Leave Kenya
July 7	Arrive in U.S.

## Estimated COST: \$4,400

Cost covers international departure and return flights, additional travel around the program site, room/board (including orientation and re-entry), and other on-site program costs. Cost **does not** cover passports, visa, immunizations, or domestic travel. Cost subject to change due to international airfare, foreign exchange rates, and other budgetary variables.

## APPLICATION

Applications and references are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. Team member selection will be finalized January 10. The application can be found at <https://globalprograms.events.intervarsity.org/kenya-gp-2024>

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Hans Schenk loves Kenya and leading students through the Kenya GP. He has been on staff with InterVarsity for 28 years, and has been involved with the Kenya GP in various capacities since 1995. He currently lives in New Mexico, is married to Jill, and has three children.

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