



Empowering the People of Africa to Survive the HIV/AIDS Pandemic



Sunburst Projects

Zoe and Geri's Team

May 14 – May 31

Sunburst Projects is an organization that began in 1988, providing support services for children and their families living with HIV/AIDS. Their mission is family preservation and keeping families together. Geri, the founder of Sunburst, along with Zoe and Sarah came to Kenya to see how they can serve and support families living with HIV/AIDS.



With a busy 2 week schedule, they hit the road running. Their first visit was to Brydges Center Children's Home. The team was able to meet with 25 teen girls. This was a great opportunity for the girls to have their very personal questions (which were written down) answered. HEART believes that "knowledge = power = survival." With the world watching Africa to see if they will survive the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the future is in the choices the next generation makes.



The team also visited HEART'S Kibera WEEP center (Women's Equality Empowerment Project) to encourage and again answer many questions.

They also were able to interview several of the women, who shared their stories of overcoming the stigma in spite of many hardships. Our WEEP women are now trained as PEER counselors in the community. They want to share hope and love with women who are in the situation they once were. We have called this "PROPS" (Parent Rescue Orphan Prevention Strategy.) The PEER counselors are trained in HBC (Home Based Care). The team was able to visit 2 homes. They brought hope, love, and much needed food and money to the homes of these women who were very grateful.



On May 22, the team participated in opening a Kids for School office in Upper Taita. It was an exciting day for this community. The office was furnished with not only office furniture but a computer, printer and scanner.

Thank you, Sunburst team, for your love and support for those who are suffering.

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