



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**

International Ministries Facts about

Kenya



THE MINISTRY...

Office Established:

Nairobi, 1998

Locally known as:

Nuru (Light) Lutheran Media Ministry

Population:

34,707,817

Ministry in Action:

- Bible Correspondence Courses
- Lutheran Hour Library
- Kids Club
- Outreach to schools, prisons, market places, communities, hospitals
- Door-to-door evangelism
- Drama, music, and film are used as powerful witnessing tools
- www.nurumedia.org
- Equipping the Saints



MINISTRY IN KENYA...

There is absolute freedom to proclaim religion in Kenya and, Lutheran Hour Ministries(LHM)–Kenya is taking advantage of every opportunity. Each month, an average of 3,000 responses to outreach ministry are fielded by six full-time LHM–Kenya staff members. The ministry center’s most successful ministry involves children.

Children, ages 6-13, gather as part of LHM–Kenya Kids Club where they participate in Kids **Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)**, monthly activities, topical discussions (topics ranging from HIV/AIDS to the influence of media), and visits to schools and homes. LHM–Kenya also hosts a successful Vacation Bible School (VBS) every summer. For several years, volunteers from North America have participated in LHM–Kenya’s VBS.

LHM–Kenya’s youth ministry is impacting the lives of many with outreach missions including public performances of drama and music. Pastors and local citizens utilize a collection of Braille, print, video, audio, and electronic resources — part of the Lutheran Hour Library.

In rural communities of Kenya, ministry efforts are tempered by language barriers and poverty. LHM–Kenya overcomes many of these stumbling blocks with a strong outreach plan. After arriving in these communities, LHM–Kenya staff travels door-to-door to share the Gospel. They preach at market areas and in the evening **The Jesus Film Show** is shown in the local language.

LHM–Kenya expands outreach by visiting prisons, schools, hospitals, private homes, and congregations. In urban areas where English is the official language, LHM–Kenya provides printed material. By hearing God’s Word, more than 20,000 individuals have enrolled in **BCC**. The **BCC** has allowed Kenya to spread ministry into neighboring countries of Tanzania, Zaire, and Rwanda where Kiswahili is spoken.

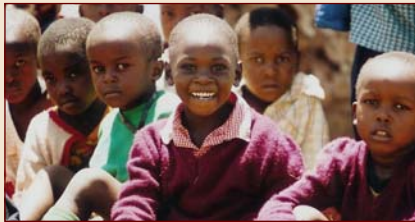
RELIGION IN KENYA...

Christianity is celebrated by half the population in Kenya. Muslims make up seven percent of the population while 26 percent of the population practice indigenous beliefs.

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Community gathering to watch LHM - Kenya performers



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For the latest listing of fact sheets of all countries in which Lutheran Hour Ministries is carrying out its vision of *All Nations, All Peoples, All in Christ!*, visit our Web site at www.lhmint.org.

Our world is full of people who NEED to know they are loved. Please join us in reaching out to them with God's love.

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THE COUNTRY...

In the mid-nineteenth century, a German Lutheran missionary-explorer named John Rebmann first spotted Mount Kirinyaga (KAY-RA-NYA-GAH). When he asked his guide for the name of the mountain, the guide said, "Kay-ayh-nya." Rebmann heard Kenya. He named the mountain Mount Kenya and it has been so ever since.



A scene from LHM - Kenya's public performance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

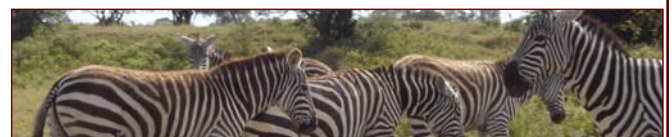
Kenya is on the Eastern coast of Africa. Cutting through the country is the Great Rift Valley bordered by desert, fertile highlands, snowcapped mountains, and the sandy beaches of the Indian Ocean. Kenya's wildlife preserves and national parks are large tourist attractions.

For centuries Kenya was a British colony. Explorers and traders used the resources and labor of the people until 1963 when Kenya won it's independence. For more than 20 years Kenya's prosperity grew with the trade of coffee, tea, and sisal (fiber used to make ropes) as well as the growth of tourism. But, over the last 20 years the economy has declined and now more than 80 percent of the people live on less than \$1 (USD) per day.

THE PEOPLE...

Kenya is home to more than 40 ethnic groups. Under British colonial rule, these ethnic groups were divided by language preferences of Bantu, Cushitic, and Nilotic. Today, many people still practice and settle in areas of their ancestry.

More than 52 dialects scatter Kenya's countryside. English is the official language while Kiswahili is the national language.



Dance, music, and drama are exhibited in many forms throughout the country. Some performances are identified with

certain cultures and associated with specific ethnic groups. Even in cities and mixed cultural arenas, dance and music concerts are social attractions.

A popular sport in Kenya is soccer and Kenyan athletes have received world-wide recognition in the field of track, especially long-distance running.

Professions in Kenya include services for a growing tourism market. People travel to the country to enjoy the beaches, culture, and exotic animal preserves. Farming and industrial work also contributes to much of Kenya's income.

YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

You can help us reach unchurched people around the world by:

- Considering a gift today for International Ministries
- Praying for the overseas ministry staff and volunteers
- Getting involved in short-term mission trips
- Continuing to learn about the ministry by visiting our Web site at www.lhmint.org.

For more opportunities to serve, contact: cheerful@lhm.org or (800) 944-3450 x 4275. Through your commitment we can reach people around the world with Christ's message of hope.