

***Needs Assessment and Curriculum Development for Girls School
The AIC Kajiado Girls Center for Excellence
Nairobi, Kenya
Be a part of something very special that will be a life changing event!
Dates: June 1-16, 2010***

Purpose

This is a collaborative and interdisciplinary educational experience for students across the School of Nursing and the Watson School of Education through travel to AIC Kajiado Girls Center of Excellence in Nairobi, Kenya. This field experience is appropriate for students interested in healthcare education, research, community health nursing, early childhood, pediatrics, HIV and AIDS, special education, adolescent health, and women issues.

You will be intricately involved in conducting a needs assessment for the school's students, teachers, administration, and healthcare center. Specifically, our team will work to (1) establish relationships with school administrators, teachers, and students as well as the University of Nairobi; (2) understand the culture of the Maasai people and the female empowerment framework of the school; and (3) learn and assist personnel in providing services and instruction in the areas of community healthcare and education within the empowerment framework.

This trip and information from the needs assessment curriculum developed is planned to be followed by a second trip in the Summer of 2011 where a group of students would complete an aspect of their clinical nursing experience with Dr. Paula Reid.

The School

This is a primary boarding school focused on serving the most vulnerable underprivileged Maasai girls. The main goal of the center is to empower and educate women while promoting the preservation of non-destructive cultural and domestic values. Since Maasai girls are trained to be "seen and not to be heard", the school counsels the girls and promotes efforts for them to "speak out". Girls from the Kajiado Girls Center for Excellence range in age from 5 years to 18 years despite the fact that the school is only a primary school – K-8. Eighteen teachers at the school currently serve 706 females from birth through adulthood, 76 of whom live in a rescue center year round. Eighty-two percent of the student population is from the local community. Most of the students live in extreme poverty and are at high risk of early and prearranged child marriages, female genital mutilation, forced labor, rape, incest, and starvation.

Planned Group Social Events

Saturday, June 5, 2010

- Tour Nairobi National Park – There is plentiful wildlife, including most of the plains animals against the bizarre backdrop of Nairobi Skyscrapers.

- Picnic lunch in the park

Sunday, June 6, 2010

- Tour Lake Nakuru Flamingo Observatory
- Dinner and discussion group

Saturday, June 12, 2010

- Visit Maasai Market
- Rift Valley Viewing

Lodging

We are planning on staying at the A.C.K. Guest House Nairobi, Kenya, “located in the capital city of Nairobi, Upper Hill community, Bishops road; a five minutes drive from the city centre.” Not to worry, the guest house has nice clean rooms with “television with local channels, laundry services, and hot water” that should provide you with comfort and privacy. To obtain additional information please take a look at the A.C.K. Guest House official website at <http://www.ackguesthouses.or.ke/nairobi/>