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Sept-Oct, 2011 Philippines
Nov 6-7, 2011 Travel to Kenya

kenya facts

Population 40 million
Christian 83%
Muslim 8%
Ethnic Religions 7%
Baha'i <1%
Hindu <1%
Non Religious <1%

Languages English, Swahili

Capital Nairobi
Currency Shilling
Government Republic

recommended support

 Personal
 \$1800

 Housing
 \$400

 Ministry
 \$220

 Travel
 \$160

 Medical
 \$100

 Other
 \$40

 TOTAL
 \$2720

Amount recommended by TCM board. Actual amount may vary. Please contact the TCM office for current support need.



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Gardner & Ledith IMPROSO



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15



ardner & Ledith Improso first met in Bible school in the Philippines. Now they are traveling back to Kenya, East Africa where they will once again be involved in the development and outreach of the main TCM Bible School at Thika.

Gardner grew up in Things to Come Mission churches in the Philippines. His father Antonio was Philippines Director for many years, overseeing

significant church growth. Gardner graduated from International Grace Bible Institute where he met Ledith who was studying to be a Bible woman. After graduation Gardner and Ledith served in TCM-Philippines Grace churches as pastor and Bible woman.

In 1995 missionaries in Kenya desperately needed a Bible school teacher. Upon writing to Philippine leaders. Gardner was recommended. With \$250 per month promised support. Gardner and Ledith with young daughters Keren and Kezia left their homeland, arriving in Kenya, March 7, 1996. Gardner quickly took his place as a teacher at Grace Bible

School in Embu town near Mt. Kenya. In 1998 when other missionaries moved from Embu. Gardner took responsibility as principal of the Bible school.

The Kenya field launched *Project 2010* in 2000. Missionaries and pastors set to work planting 20 grace churches in 10 strategic cities of Kenya by 2010. The Improsos moved to Nakuru in 2002 with Pastor Justin & Grace Muriithi to plant the first Grace church in the Rift Valley. Within one year the church was established and began to grow. Gardner also pastored an Asian church, the largest in Kenya. After several years of mentoring by Gardner, Pastor Justin was able to take over the leadership responsibilities of the Nakuru Grace Bible Church, and Kelly Improso was born.

Early in 2008 need arose for Improsos to continue the church plant in Eldoret, initially established by Genesis & Verna Maraat who later became pioneering TCM missionaries to Thailand.

Improsos willingly moved to Eldoret and continued to develop the church, which will eventually function without missionary involvement.

Now Improsos are again returning to Kenya from the Philippines, this time without daughters Keren and Kezia who will remain behind for college studies. Ledith will homeschool Kelly while they develop the Bible school on TCM property in the city of Thika in central Kenya. Grace churches will also establish their national office on the Bible school property in Thika. Gardner & Ledith will help Pastor Nicholas & Susan Mwendwa who lead Thika Grace Bible Church.

which meets in a temporary building on the Bible school property. Gardner will resume his position as TCM Kenya Representative which involves working with pastors, leaders and board of the Grace churches.

Vision 2020 was inaugurated during the Kenya Grace Churches Annual Conference in September 2011 in Nakuru. Vision 2020 wants to plant Grace churches in 20 major towns and cities by 2020. The Improsos will be an integral part of *Vision 2020* as they work alongside the church planters.

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