

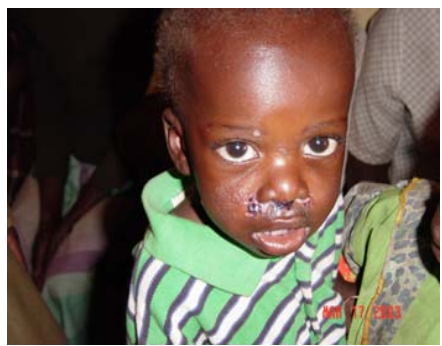
# Medical Mission to Kenya - East Africa

GMR offered free medical treatment to over 2000 people in rural areas

**Problem:** Kenya has many rural districts that lack accessible medical clinics. Almost every person that we came into contact with was sick in body or was suffering with a disease. Many were in a critical condition mainly due to malaria. We discovered a refugee camp where there was tremendous poverty and almost every child had severe "chigger" wounds; some were losing toes and fingers. We found lepers, skin infections, eye infections and a child with a broken arm that had been untreated.

**Response:** In the fight against disease, we assembled a team of doctors and nurses. We purchased medical supplies and shipped over \$30,000 worth to Kenya. Our team worked over 16 hours a day treating a steady stream of sick people, some walking from surrounding areas to get medical attention. We cleaned the wounds on hundreds of children; treated the wounds and purchased from our funds each child a pair of shoes or sandals. We also sprayed and disinfected every home to eliminate the infestation.

**Result:** GMR secured the support of the Kenyan government and negotiated the import of medical supplies; we gained assistance with state doctors and civic leaders. In the 2 weeks that we were there, we were able to save children and adults from certain death due to malaria. We broke the infestation of the chiggers; reattached a child's finger in field surgery and set a broken arm. We treated over 2000 people and had we had the time and the supplies, we could have stayed weeks longer and treated hundreds more people every day. Subsequently, we sent teams to the area and continued spraying to ensure no further outbreak of chiggers.



Left top a child with a high fever; Right top a child's foot with chigger wounds. Lower left a n adults foot with severe chigger wounds

