

TURKANA, KENYA // TRIP PROPSAL

HOPE CHURCH

TURKANA, KENYA JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2024 /// COST \$3,400

ABOUT BRIGHT HOPE

Bright Hope is committed to a holistic approach of serving the world's extreme poor, those living on less than \$2 a day, by working through the local, in-country church. With 50 years of history, projects in five countries, working in over 600 churches and over 154,000 lives impacted annually, Bright Hope provides Hope for Today through immediate needs such as feeding programs, clean water and medical assistance; Hope for Tomorrow through microfinance, education and job creation and Hope for Eternity by targeting spiritual needs through pastoral training, Bible placement and evangelism. We envision a world where under-resourced, local, in-country churches transform their communities and bring Hope to the extreme poor.

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Turkana is the largest county in Kenya by land mass. It has an estimated population of more than 1 million people. It is located in the north-western corner of the country. Turkana County has a semi-arid climate characterized by low fertility soils and low and highly variable rainfall. These conditions make it a very difficult region for agricultural sustainability. It is geographically isolated, has limited access to basic services, poor infrastructure, and suffers from the adverse effects of historical political marginalization.

A deteriorating social and economic organization contributes to increasing food insecurity and erosion of income value in the Turkana community. These are exacerbated by the frequency of very severe droughts and violent cross border conflicts. The latter has devastating effects as it results in loss of lives (often the head of the family) and family assets. The main needs of these communities are in the areas of water, food, job creation, education and better farming techniques.



But there is Hope! Bright Hope is working with churches who are networking together to pray and work on community development. Our partner church leadership, with the help of Hope Church, started a sustainable community farm called Natoot. In the past two years they have had to overcome floods, droughts, locus infestation and a broken bore hole. They have also had to adapt culturally with learning new concepts of farming in a dominate animal culture. But, through this all, God provided abundant harvests that has brought substance, increased economics and great joy. Progress continues to be made and Hope has been revealed in this dark place.

TRIP GOALS

1. Medical- Clinics and pregnancy discussions and research
2. Education- Training teachers on how to help children with learning disabilities
3. Farming- Experience sharing and training on best practices
4. Leadership training- Focus on soul care and leadership development for pastors