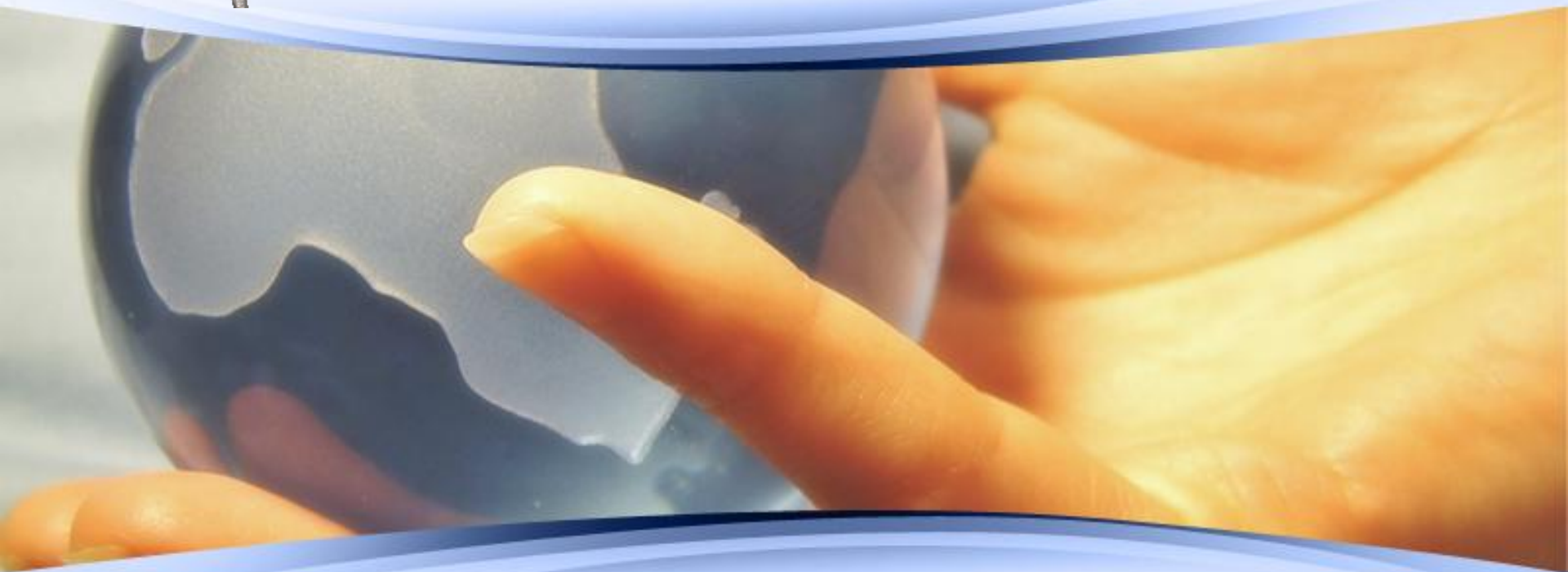


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St. Fintan's CBS, Doon



Immersion 2009



Participants



10 students

Ciarán Coffey
Darren Cosgrave
Jack Hayes
David Landers
Brian McCarthy
Eimhin O'Meara
David Orr
Fearghal Ryan
Luke Ryan
Raymond Ryan

4 teachers

Jason Carrig (group leader)
Liam Ryan
Diarmaid Carr
Diarmuid McCarthy

What is the immersion Programme?



- It is a programme run by the Christian Brothers in Ireland and Australia that pairs schools in those countries with those in the developing world.



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WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE?

Immersion Programme



- The programme is about ‘being with’ and not ‘seeing and passing through’.
- ‘Come and Be’ rather than ‘Come and See’

Aims of Immersion Programme



- To foster in our students and teachers a greater understanding and awareness of:
 - Poverty and oppression
 - Unequal distribution of the earth's resources
 - Vested interests prevailing over global human needs
- To empower the participants to respond at a personal, communal, national or international level, in the context of the Gospel values of respect, dignity, love, justice and tolerance.

Objectives



- Enable students and teachers from Edmund Rice schools to live and work in developing countries
- To expose them to a need so obvious as to inspire compassion and a will to do something in response
- To awaken in them the realisation of poverty on their own doorsteps in Ireland and to foster a readiness to respond to such needs closer to home in some simple but meaningful way
- To enable them to understand that poverty and disease are not necessary but often related to political, economic and social factors, which can be changed for the better.

Objectives



- To develop in the participants a sense of respect for the dignity and spiritual wealth of the materially poor
- To approach the materially poor with an open heart and a readiness to be with them and to be free to be enriched by them
- To show the participants that, through positive action, our spiritual beliefs require that we look at the world from the ‘perspective of the poor’ and that this is ultimately a liberating experience.

Prayer, Reflection and Journaling



- **Prayer:** Group prayer before beginning the day
- **Reflection:** each evening for the group to discuss their experiences, thoughts, observations and feelings
- **Journaling:** a journal is kept by each participant- 'quiet time' is allocated for this each evening



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WHAT ARE THE PARTS OF THE IMMERSION PROGRAMME?

Parts of Immersion Programme



- There are 3 parts to the Immersion Programme:
 - Pre- visit
 - Immersion Experience
 - Post- Visit

Parts of Immersion Programme



- Pre- visit:
 - Introduction to the culture and history of Kenya
 - Facts, figures and statistics about the country
 - Journal preparation
 - Health and Safety
 - Guidelines on appropriate behaviour
 - Do's and Dont's
 - Publicity in local communities and further afield

Parts of Immersion Programme



- During the Immersion:
 - Main focus is to be involved in things in Kenya
 - » Schools
 - » Health- care centres
 - Daily schedule which includes prayer, activities, reflection and journaling
 - Group activities

Parts of Immersion Programme



- Post- visit:
 - Review of journals
 - Planning for future/ evaluations
 - Feedback to peers, school communities, local communities
 - Options for involvement at home for participants



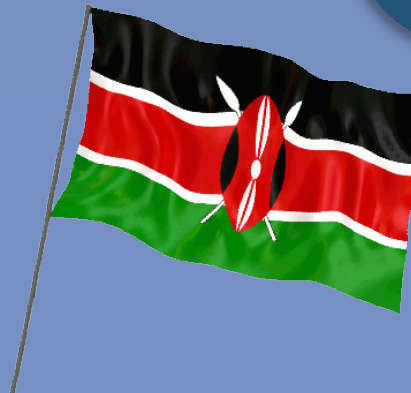
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DESTINATION: KENYA

Kenya



- Population: 40 million
- Languages: English and Swahili
- Capital: Nairobi
- Approx 7 x size of Ireland
- GDP per capita:
 - Kenya: \$1,784
 - Ireland: \$38,665



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- Village approx 20 miles from Nairobi
- Located 3 miles from the town of Karen which has a large British population and good medical facilities as a result
- Comparable in size to Doon

Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre (BBCEC)



- Our main partner schools
- 2 primary schools and 1 secondary
- Approx 600 pupils
- Most are sponsored to attend school



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Travel Information (provisional)



- Saturday October 22nd – Saturday November 5th
- Cork- London Heathrow- Nairobi
 - (1 hr and 8 ½ hours)

Passport and Visa



- Passport must be individual and valid for at least 6 months after date of return (i.e. Until at least May 6th 2012). **Please have passport by 31st May**
- Visa required- applied for in September by the school- Passport must have at least 2 blank pages for this

Itinerary (Indicative only)



Saturday 22 nd	Sunday 23 rd	Monday 24 th	Tuesday 25 th	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th
Travel	Arrive @ 8.00am	BBCEC	BBCEC	BBCEC & School Mass	Other School/ Projects	Nairobi City Tour/ Shopping
Saturday 29 th	Sunday 30 th	Monday 31 st	Tuesday 1 st	Wednesday 2 nd	Thursday 3 rd	Friday 4 th
Primary School Tour	Mass & Home Visits	Other Schools/ Projects	BBCEC	BBCEC	Safari	Cultural Day & Group Meal
Saturday 5 th						
Travel: Arrive Cork @ 11.25pm						

Vaccinations/ Medications



- Organised by the school in September
- Vaccinations needed are:
 - Yellow Fever
 - Poliomyelitis
 - Tetanus
 - Typhoid
 - Hepatitis A
- Rabies available as an option for €???
- Malaria tablets need to be taken few days before the trip, during and after for a short time



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FUNDRAISING

Fundraising



- Fundraising is not the primary focus of the Programme.
- It should not become the primary focus.



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CONCLUSION

What do you need to do now?



- **Passport:** apply for one or ensure it is your own and valid at least until May 6th 2012
- **Contact Form:** Complete the 'Student Information' form and return tomorrow
- **Community awareness:** Seek permission to speak in local parish church during Mass before the Summer
 - Script will be given to maintain consistent message
 - If more than 1 from same parish then should be shared
- **Fundraising:** Organise your fundraiser to take place before the end of June (ideally)

More Information



- Go to www.dooncbs.ie and follow the links for the Immersion Programme: videos and pictures of the 2009 trip
- www.bbcec.org: website of Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre