

## Living and Ministering In Kenya, East Africa – Part II

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### I. Survey trip

#### A. Preparing for the trip – gather information

1. Country statistics
2. Government
3. Immigration
4. Peoples
5. Immunizations/medical
6. Travel

#### B. On the ground research

1. Internal travel
2. Importation/shipping
3. Housing
4. Schooling
5. Taxation
6. Foods/clothing
7. Appliances
8. Insurance-medical/car/household
9. Language school/tutor

## **II. Moving and settling**

### A. Housing

1. Security
2. Amenities (water/electric)

### B. Children's schooling

1. Home
2. Local
3. Boarding

### C. Language and culture (for details of "Ethnography" see "Ethnography for Structured and Successful Culture Learning" – Rob Howell, SGI 2010; [www.missionsmandate.org/sgi](http://www.missionsmandate.org/sgi))

## **III. Surviving in Church Planting**

### A. Be certain of your calling

### B. Be careful with your family

### C. Be prepared for the long haul

### D. Do your research before you plant-areas of specific research

1. Talk with missionaries already on the ground
2. Data on churches/religious groups in area selected
3. People groups:
4. Type of church plant
5. Government requirements

## E. Getting started

1. Discipleship/home Bible study
2. Place to meet
3. Starting date
4. Church service
5. Details
6. Future considerations
  - a. Date of constituting
  - b. Additional services
  - c. Leadership – pastor, deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc
  - d. Training – via discipleship/institute/Bible college
  - e. Financial accountability

*Joel sailed with his parents out of New York harbor to Africa as a missionary kid in 1957 at the age of two. Almost all of his life has been spent in Kenya, East Africa where he and his wife have been working in church planting, training national pastors and operating a Christian camp ministry. Currently, they are working in the capitol city, Nairobi, in a church plant not far from city center.*