



Pastor Jeff with his new friends in Kenya



Kay and Doyce Dotson of Loretto with their choir and chaperone houseguests

THP sets checkpoints for weeks to come

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting the following roadside safety sobriety checkpoints in Lawrence County:

*January 17th, checkpoint

on Highway 43 South at the 2.9 mile marker;

*February 14th, checkpoint on Highway 43 North at the 23.4 mile marker;

*March 13th, checkpoint on

Highway 43 South at the 2.9 mile marker;

*April 3rd, checkpoint on Highway 43 South at the 2.9 mile marker.

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Jason Pennington, Missy Pennington, Elizabeth Brown, Mary Beth Pettus, and Pastor Jeff present a family with food purchased in Nairobi, Kenya.

African Children...

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smiled with an openness that I don't always see in children in America. It was as if they were telling us they were ready to work hard to achieve their dreams, even at seven to eleven years old!

The performance left me moved beyond almost any I had ever experienced. The children ended the show with a harmonious national anthem. My tears came then, and I believed that each and every child on that stage would achieve success.

Luckily for me, my friends at Loretto UMC sponsored the children, including housing them and their instructors/chaperones. So, not only did I get to meet some later and talk to them, but I also got to hear about their mission with their North American tours.

Pastor Jeff Jacob told me later that he had wanted to sponsor the choir from the time he first heard them in the 1990s and did so only a year after becoming Loretto UMC pastor. After the choir children left in 2015, the younger crowd in the congregation was inspired to raise money and go to Africa to see where the children lived and learn about their lives and the work of Music for Life, the organization that sponsors the choir. While there, the UMC group led classes in lessons and built a lean-to shelter for a school in the mountains.

Music for Life's mission is to help Africa's most vulnerable children through education, music, and touring so they can return someday and give back to their communities. By its sponsorship, the choir children can be educated through secondary school and supported all the way through college and their careers. Thus far, Music for Life and the African Children's Choir have saved over a thousand vulnerable children and used money raised to educate over 50,000 more since the first choir was formed in 1984. Funds raised have also helped 100,000 more children through relief and education projects in Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, and Kenya.

Come and witness the glorious voices and talent of the African Children's Choir on Friday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m., at the historic Crockett Theater. It's a free concert with an offering taken during the concert. Plan to purchase CDs of the children's performances and/or buy tee shirts and other souvenirs at the event. See www.africanchildrenschoir.com to purchase items online or make a donation.

Come enjoy the African Children's Choir
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at The Historic Crockett Theater in Lawrenceburg.
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