

# Missions of Hope

The second leg of our trip to Kenya was working with Missions of Hope. This organization is special to AgriStewards as it is the first site we ever visited. When AgriStewards started 8 years ago, we reached out to various organizations at a Christian Missions Conference and they were the first ministry who needed agricultural training for mission work they were doing in Kenya. Since then, we have continued to work together on the mission field, training staff and communities on how to produce their own food in a sustainable way.

Cosmas is the farm manager for Missions of Hope International, so it was very good to get to go back and see all the work he has put into the farm. In an effort to have an ongoing influence with MOHI we recently arranged for Pius to become a consultant for the organization where he will continually check up on farm progress throughout the year. This has drastically increased productivity overall and has encouraged more people to keep up with their farm practices. As the organization was more eager to continually work throughout the growing season, it made a greater impact on productivity. With all their hard work, they were able to feed 18,000 children kale and spinach off of the Farming God's Way practices in the schools! There are 15 schools around the area providing food to children, typically they're only able to feed 3 to 4 centers with their harvest. This season they were able to feed all 15 centers!

It is easy to feel discouraged at times, wondering if the communities we work in are able to reap a harvest from the lessons being taught. This was one of those times that we were reminded of God's great faithfulness when we trust in His hand over us. He will provide a bountiful crop when we put the work in for His glory!

