



DEBBIE HOGEBOOM - MISSIONARY TO KENYA

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Disappointment – On the morning that we were to leave for Nkararu in Trans-Mara, we received word that tribal clashes were escalating in the area where the Kisii Parish women's retreat was to be held. The conflict had arisen because of drought in one area causing Masaai herders to move with their cattle to find pasture in the Kisii area where there is rain. Pray that soon there will be peace and stability in this area.

Pray for – a)the establishment of a curriculum team for youth materials b) adequate resources to minister effectively c) open doors and opportunities to impact Christians and non-Christians alike with the power of the gospel.

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