



Adventure's
calling.

BlueSky

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

2022

ANNUAL REPORT

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BlueSky Global Ministries' vision is to see the multinational community of Nairobi, Kenya, spiritually transformed and equipped to influence the world for God's glory.

We pursue this by building relationships through adventure, using three core platforms: BlueSky Adventures (rock climbing gym, expedition trips, and team building), Camp BlueSky, and BlueSky Community (year-round relational ministry).

A MESSAGE FROM TAMMY PRESTON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Like rains in Kenya bringing much needed relief and revitalization after a long, dry season, 2022 was a welcome reprieve for BlueSky as adventures thrived once again after two tough years of strain in areas of program participation, restructuring, resources, and even team members battling personal challenges. This past year, overall engagement with BlueSky almost tripled and our team is refreshed and ready to fully engage ongoing increased participation, filled with promise for the year ahead.

More people are seeking genuine ways to connect, giving our team the chance to build community, introduce Jesus, and disciple believers in rich, new ways. In fact, each of our team members has described the current opportunity for BlueSky's impact in Nairobi's international community as almost overwhelming. In order to serve this increase in people engaging with BlueSky, we are praying for more amazing people to join our team in Kenya!

Our US team grew in 2022, as our former Board Chair, Craig Elder, is now serving with us as BlueSky's first Chief Operating Officer. Additionally, we're excited to share that we've partnered with Member Care expert, Cindy Post, to create BlueSky's strategy and implementation for our team both in the US and Kenya.

As we continue to share BlueSky's story with more people, we're grateful for those of you who faithfully walk with us in prayer and support. With you, the impact and strength of the ministry reaches farther, creating a ripple effect around the world. Each prayer, act of service, and gift is multiplied by the Lord to further the work in Kenya. Thank you!

Our focus for the coming year is to see increased spiritual transformation and equipping, both in our team and for those we serve. We know that BlueSky presents and stewards each experience and it is God who transforms the heart...we can't wait to see what He will do in the thousands of lives BlueSky will have the privilege of engaging this year.

Will you pray with us for continued opportunities to connect with people from around the world who live in Nairobi, for more leaders to be called to join our work, and that our testimony and spiritual influence would make a difference for the Kingdom?

Serving together,
Tammy



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Preston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

RACHEL LOCKMAN

A Message from the BlueSky Board

BlueSky has been cultivating its sphere of influence for more than 20 years now. As a Board member since its formation I have seen many ups and downs. What began as a small partnership between an adventure ropes course and the IMB (International Mission Board) has grown into a force for good that impacts students, families, internationals, and adventurers on multiple levels.

It has taken years of visionary leadership from Kenyans and Americans to cultivate a healthy Christian ministry that engages community differently. That is why I'm thrilled to say, not only is BlueSky alive and well, it has become more than I ever could have imagined. In January, I personally experienced spending time and going on adventures with the BlueSky staff.

I was encouraged and challenged by this dynamic group of professionals. Not only do they understand their community, they engage people wholeheartedly and they are motivated by the fellowship of Christ. Our multicultural staff continue to push the boundaries into deeper spiritual transformation through top notch programming, organization policies, and excellence in giving. BlueSky is poised and ready to professionally and spiritually engage the multi-national community.

As a Christian and a Board member I'm blown away by the creative Love that BlueSky embodies. I hope you will consider engaging both experientially and finically with BlueSky.

I believe the best is yet to come!

Board Chair,
Rachel Lockman

CHRIST-CENTERED.

GROWTH MINDSET.

RELATIONAL.

MULTINATIONAL.

ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT.



CORE VALUES



BY THE NUMBERS

24

KENYAN STAFF

9

INTERNATIONAL
STAFF

5

U.S. HOME
OFFICE STAFF

4,313



INDIVIDUAL LIVES REACHED IN 2022

13,129



TOTAL BLUESKY EXPERIENCES IN 2022

ADVENTURES

8473

visits to the climbing gym

577

team and leader development participants

56

off-site expedition participants (pilot year)

CAMP

228

campers attended Camp BlueSky

35

different nationalities represented
amongst the campers

COMMUNITY

1500

student impact opportunities through
weekly discipleship groups

500

student impact opportunities through
weekly youth groups

FINANCIALS

CONTRIBUTORS AND REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS: **\$872,647**

GRANTS: **\$460,000**

CAMP PROGRAM REVENUE: **\$146,177**

ADVENTURES PROGRAM REVENUE: **\$139,993**

COMMUNITY REVENUE **\$713**

TOTAL: **\$1,619,530**

EXPENSES

PROGRAM EXPENSES: **\$1,084,288**

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: **\$380,288**

TOTAL: **\$1,464,576**

2022

Board of Directors

Rachel Lockman
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