

## **Africa visiting report of LAF 2016**

Geneva Agape Foundation and Liaoning Agape Foundation started an Africa visiting on October 20, 2016, which are organized by GE. Visiting members are 26 entrepreneurs and scholars and mainly from Shenyang, Shanghai, Beijing and other places in China. Under the proper organize of the Global Ethics, the seven-day visiting has achieved a great success.

Summarized as follows:

### **First, reasonable visiting itinerary**

In the entire visiting itinerary, both inspection visiting and learning communication are covered and learning in belief, environment study and culture exchange are also combined. In seven days, we have learned the history and culture of Kenya by visiting the museum, known the belief and social situation of Kenya by Sunday worship in church, known the harmonious relationship between African and nature by visiting the Masai Mara National Reserve ; opening up a new path for environmental public welfare undertakings by visiting the United Nations Environment Programme , known more about Chinese investment and aid in Africa by listening to the Report on China and Africa economic and social development and realized that love should go across borders by inspecting the slums of the poor.

During the visiting, we have the opportunity to learn the Africa's history, humanity, belief and development of economic situation by the lectures and discussions, and the relationship between China and Africa and

the future development of both countries. We can say that the entire trip has reached or even beyond the original goal. Visiting members show appreciate to the staff of the Global Ethics Foundation and Liaoning Agape Foundation , especially thank to Professor Lin of LAF, thank to Professor Christoph for doing communication and contact work, and also thank to warm reception and thoughtful arrangements of Kenya team.

### **Second, the feeling of Kenya environment**

In conclusion, Kenya environment construction was better than our imaginations, but there are still many things we need to learn and enhance.

On the one hand, the city construction of Nairobi was equal to the middle city in China in early 90s of 20 century .Urban infrastructure needs to be improved, the traffic situation is not very smooth, greening and urban management need to be strengthened .We can see a strong contrast in reality, including the slums of the poor ,sewage cross-flow, lack of clothing and chaos of public order, we also saw the beautiful surroundings of the United Nations and Kenyan municipal streets, street residents' housing towering walls、barbed wire and prairie unrestrained wildlife.

On the other hand, during the visiting, the delegation also felt the warm hospitality from local people. People of Kenya generally convert to Christianity, forming a good culture of faith, this is very important to make sure the stability of Kenya.

### **Third, reflections on Kenyan Social Development**

Kenya has established a multi-party democratic political system, but not like our imagination about that kind of political integrity before. Instead of that, we saw a lot of corruptions. When the delegation visited the airport ,Customs officials bribed blatantly many times, its name is to tip, but in fact is openly extort money, if we do not give money, they will not let us come in. As a country's window agency, you can imagine the country's other institutions and part of corruptions will be more serious. As far as we know, the grassroots bribery is more serious, poor people have no real voice, they have no hope to change their life level. All the commercial institutions need to hang the picture of their chairperson, it seems that this is not a real democracy. It is said that the government has passed the polygamy, also this made the delegation feel that the Kenyan civilization may be in the back. The democratic politics of capitalism is not the grand cure of all nations.

Because of the politics and economic reasons, Kenya has spent a large number of social security costs. Going to the airport, visiting the museum, shopping and so on, as long as the public, both people and car need to be checked for safe .It is said that Chinese were often robbed by local people .Firearm management is confusing, this also let the delegation dare not to go out alone.

#### **Fourth, the development of Kenyan Christianity**

Kenya has a population of 70%-80% believing in Catholic or Christianity, giving the delegation a great shock. Kenya appeared the first human about

2.5m years ago, but the progress of the African civilization was in the last century because of the colonists. Christianity was introduced into Africa by the colonists, providing a big help for African in agriculture、 education and medical field, this is why so many people believe in Christianity. There is a sharp contrast between undeveloped economy and developed Christian faith culture. The Christian faith changed their lives, most people can accept not too rich life with optimistic, never complain for their own history and reality about God but full of gratitude, they have a happy life every day, this is worth thinking for Chinese. Every country and nation has its own speciality and nation, and God has her own plan ,the life's abundance is not the whole life, we still need spirit abundance.

The Christian has done a lot of work in social service, the delegation saw the church help those social vulnerable groups actively, producing a lot of positive effects, when we entered Kenya through the Nairobi airport, customs officials saw there were several Bibles inside our luggage but not ask for tips, it is thus clear that the Christian civilization has very important meaning to the Kenyan community. It is worth thinking deeply.

Kenya and other African countries have proposed the establishment of "African dignity", we can see African doing their best to walk out of the shadow of colonial rule, forming their own cultures, weakening the influence of Western civilization, establishing African civilization and historical heritage.

**Fifth, the harmony between Kenyan and nature**

The delegation have a deep impression on harmonious animal world in Masai Mara national reserve, like antelope, zebra, wildebeest , elephants, lions and other lovely animals 'free life, giving the delegation a vivid green African course. Man is the biggest threat to animals, the Kenya government enacted a series of strict laws and animal protections ,so that animals could obtain the same effective protection as people, this is why there are many valuable animals heritage left in the African savannah. Thanks to the Kenya government for the protection of animals, only in this way can we have close contact with animals, also can directly face lions and elephants, seeing the real animal world. In building a harmonious relationship between man and nature, man and animals, this behavior is worthy of being learned by Chinese people and Chinese government.

#### **Sixth, Africa visiting has achieved fruitful results**

In this visiting, in addition to the necessary arrangements , the delegation members and the African Christian Federation Chairman, President of Sao Paulo University, professor at the University of Nairobi, and the local Chinese did an extensive exchange , Professor Lin of LAF gave the report on Chinese investment and economic development in Africa for the delegation and the local scholars, causing great repercussions, paid attention by the president of Kenya consultants and the relevant departments, making a big contribution to promoting the economic development between China and Africa.

This visiting is an environmental public welfare trip, Geneva Agape

Foundation、 Liaoning Agape Foundation and the United Nations Environment Programme reached an agreement on how to implement the environmental projects in Kenya and China, how to achieve the NGO's contribution in the field of environmental protection. Chinese foundation how to corporate with the United Nations Environment Programme.

This visiting is a charity trip, during the visiting, the Geneva Agape Foundation and the local charitable organizations signed a letter of intent, will provide some appropriate economic assistance to the local poor people in Kenya. Liaoning Agape Foundation donated \$3100 to the local poor people through the church, this money will be used in education and medical services for poor children. The foundation will use the actual actions to interpret the love across the national boundaries and the field of skin color and the human race.

This visiting is an academic exchange trip, the scholars and entrepreneurs in delegation had a thorough discussion on economy、 business management、 faith 、 culture and other fields with the Professor of sociology at the University of Nairobi, learn from each other, understand for each other more deeply, laying the foundation for the two sides of academic exchanges in the future.

This visiting is a friendly trip, in the entire visiting, team of China and team of Kenya respected for each other, understood each other, team of China knew more about history and present situation of Kenya. Team of Kenya had a further understanding of the current situation and future of China, although the exchange time was short, but it formed a deep friendship, this will have a

profound impact on the future cooperation.

### **Seventh, the prospects for future**

Back to China, return to work, every member of the delegation summarized the harvest they received in many aspect, they will use the advanced concepts and methods learned from visiting in China and their own actual work. A preliminary understanding as follows:

#### **1. Culture is the fundamental of a country and a nation.**

Since 1963 independence, Kenya has achieved today's achievement with only about 50 years, it is the result of hard work of Kenyan, also the result of customs and values of Kenya. Kenya needs heritage and development of Christian in Kenya, Christian culture will also go deep into every Kenyan's heart, which may become the hope of the development of Kenya in the future.

#### **2. Only love can change this world**

Kenya social polarization is extremely serious, there are a large number of poor people, the rich and the poor need to live in one blue sky, to live in peace, without each other's love and tolerance is impossible. To change the unfair social distribution, establish equality and mutual respect, not only need the rich care about the poor , but also need the poor to understand the rich, Kenya Christian businessmen's care to the poor will be the path to change the current situation. Chinese Christians businessmen are trying to change China with love.

### 3. Establish a harmonious relationship between man and nature

China put too much emphasis on economic development while ignoring the protection of the environment, the Kenya government is telling us about their actions, Chinese must make up this lesson, trying to protect this world created by God, reduce the destruction of nature, kill the destroy of wild animals, build a harmonious relationship between man and nature.

### 4. Only belief localization could have the future

African dignity told us that learning foreign culture must be combined with the local culture ,it is not mean only study simply, instead of that we should cover our own history, politics, economy, customs, humanities and so on, only in this way, can we study both foreign culture and local culture. As the Africa's, thinking: Christian African or African Christianity? Christianity China or China Christianity? Christianity must be Chinese, must be combined with the Chinese Confucian culture, only in this way can the Christian faith develop in China, of course China could have a good future.

### 5. China and Kenya will go hand in hand

There are a lot of Chinese investment in Kenya, China is willing to help Kenya develop its economy, solve the problem of poverty. China and Kenya have established a friendly relationship, China will bring their own experience in solving the problems of poverty to Kenya, and Kenya will also bring their social management experience to China. China's NGO will also be in contact with the African's NGO and the Kenya government with extensive, link with



love, cooperate with sincerity , Chinese good values will win the recognitions of  
Kenya, this two sides will work together hand in hand.

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