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## GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. It is currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

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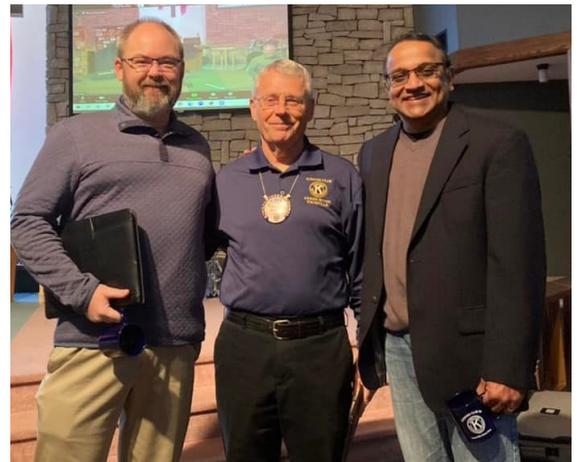
*Link to join Green River Kiwanis meeting via ZOOM. This link is the same every week.*

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March 2, 2022

This morning's speakers were **Jack Arney**, Matthew Phillip, and Michael Croslin, telling us about their work with AfricaHope in Kenya. Africa is a huge continent, twice the size of North America. AfricaHope is in Narok, Kenya, about 75 miles from the capital at Nairobi. It has a big conference center there, and works for the holistic restoration of the Narok community, inhabited by the Masai people. Five African leaders head up the group, based on the four pillars of church, education, livelihood, and food and water. This area is extremely arid, remote, and hard to reach...what should be an easy 1.5 hour trek from Nairobi can take much, much longer. The school has no electricity, and the only toilet is a hole in the ground. Women (always and only women) have to walk 3-4 miles daily in one direction to get water, and the water isn't clean. Obviously this causes health and education problems. AfricaHope put in a solar-powered borehole well in a central location. Although hard to drill through the soil, the well itself is very simple and life-changing. When it was finished there was a big ceremony celebrating that it belongs to the community itself, and that members supported the effort. For villages that do not have such a borehole, women have to get water from a muddy creek. Through the distribution of a simple filtration system (basically 2 plastic buckets), the post-filtration water is as clean as bottled water. The products to do this are also sourced in Kenya. While in Kenya, **Jack** and friends also visited the Kibera slum in Nairobi. It's the largest slum in Nairobi and the

largest urban one in Africa. Some 500,000-1 million people live in huts with dirt floors and absolutely no infrastructure—no water, no sewer, no trash pick-up, no police, etc. Crime and disease are rampant. It's not a safe place to be or visit without an escort. A group called Friends of Love Kibera Slum (FOLKS) partners with Young Life to help feed the children what is probably the only meal they will get daily. It's only beans and some rice, but at least there's some protein there. FOLKS also goes out into the slum to help the parents, too. If you want to help, you can sponsor a child or help a child in the slum—**Jack** can give you the information.



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Kelly Schneider, president of the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, visited us today with our own **Rett Larimore**. **Rett** has lived in a group home operated by the Rehab Center since 1987. For this year's telethon (April 8, all day long) he is serving as the Adult Ambassador. Last year **Rett** raised \$2096 for the telethon for his efforts. He was presented with a Riley t-shirt. Congratulations for a job well done, **Rett!**



Charter night for the new Key Club at Evansville Christian School will be held this coming Monday, March 7, at 5:30. at the school.

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Don Appel**:



**Next week's speaker will be**

**Dr Eric Brackett.**

**who will return to give us**

**a Coronavirus update and**

**where we are right now with**

**COVID.**

Take a look at this fine group of GRKiwans who participated in last Saturday's Riley Walk! **JoAnn Laugel** thanked many members individually for their efforts. We had \$30,000 from sponsors alone, making our donation to Riley this year (preliminarily) \$40,000. Over 30 years we have been able to donate \$556,000!

There will be a team captains' meeting at the Turoni's on Weinbach on March 15, 6:00.





