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**Specialty:** Family Medicine

**Country:** Kenya

**Location:** Matangwe

**Rural/Urban:** Rural

**Hospital or non-hospital placement:** Both

**Type of placement:** Pre-clerkship

**Date:** August 1 – August 26, 2011

**Project title:**

**Organization:** Caring Partners Global

**Website:** <http://meds.queensu.ca/queenscpi/>

**Main language spoken:** Luo

**Other language(s):** English & Swahili

**Project description:** Observing in a clinic located in rural Kenya.

**Student experience description:** While the clinic was slow, we were able to interact with the local African people and achieved a greater understanding of some of the hardships they face. Learned about the difficulties faced by the Kenyan health care system.

**Placement safety:** Felt very safe. We felt we were well prepared and had spent adequate time planning ways to increase our level of safety while in Kenya.

**Educational experience (out of 10):** 3

**Social/cultural experience (out of 10):** 9

**Does the organization have any religious affiliations?** Yes

**At any point did you feel expected to participate in religious activity?** Yes

**Program fee:** \$200

**Dress code:** Scrubs in clinic.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation was fantastic, clean, and the food was great.

**Accommodation cost:** \$250/month (included food and accommodation)

**Helpful hints:** Be aware of the religious affiliation of the clinic.

Be ready to create things to do as the clinic is slow.

**Questions you are glad to have asked before leaving on placement:** It was great to have time to consider potential ethical situations before heading to Africa.

**Questions you WISHED you asked before leaving on placement:** Most of our concerns were addressed in pre-departure training.

**Overall, would you recommend this placement for future students?** Yes