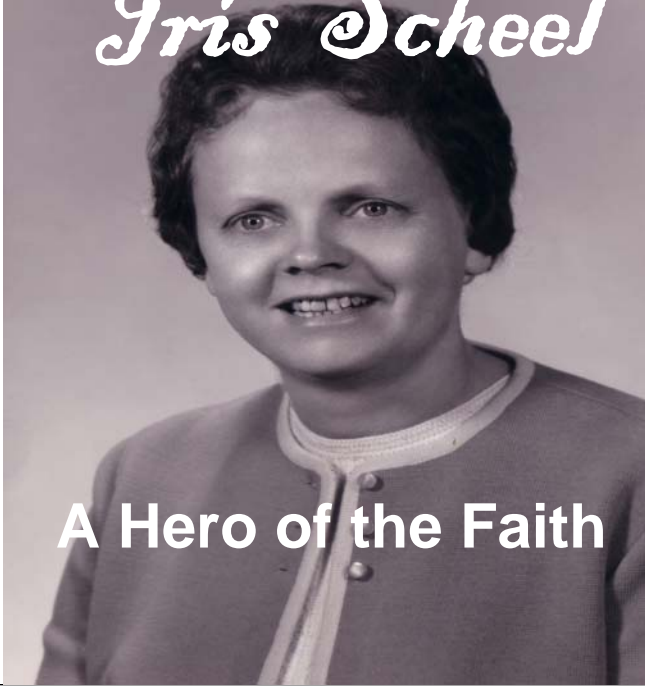


*Iris Scheel*

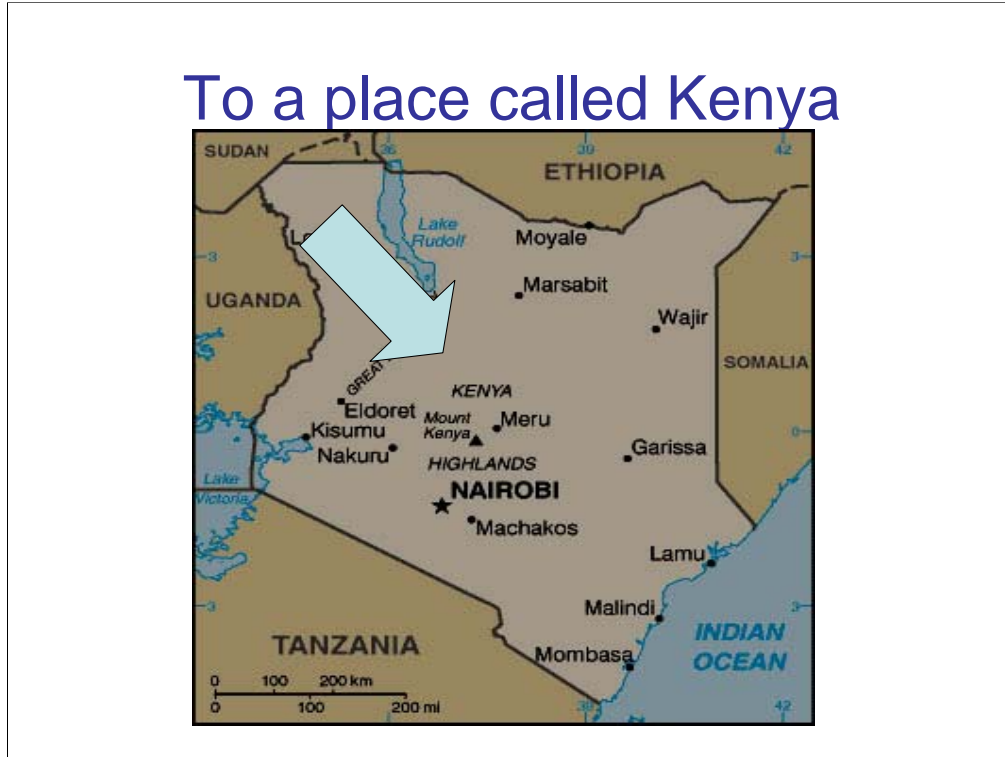


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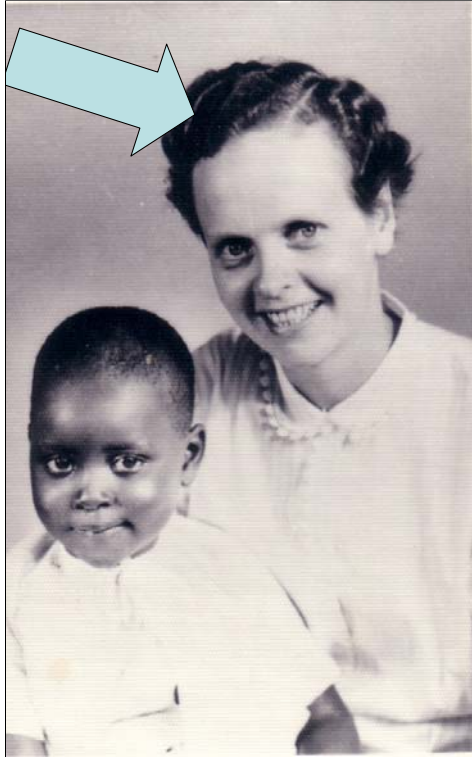
# Let Me Take You to Africa



## To a place called Kenya



To a place called Kenya, say it two or three times over, KENYA. Here we will find a lady by the name of Iris Scheel, but some know her by another name. Today we will be learning all about her and her life.



## Her First Breath

- Iris was the last of **eight children** born to her parents Ernest and Martha Ullary Scheel
- She was born on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1926

Iris was the eighth child born to Earnest and Martha Ullary Scheel on May 30th, 1926 in the town of Arnprior, Ontario. She grew up in a family of 11 children. That is not a common size these days like it would have been back in the 20's and 30's!

Do you have a **NICK NAME?**



Iris Scheel had a nick name, she was often called “Scheeli” by those who knew her well. It was her nickname or “term of endearment”

## A Heart for God

- When Iris was **nine** she gave her heart to Christ
- She was actively involved in her church and Iris felt that **God was calling her to missions**



As Iris was growing up, her parents were actively involved in the Pentecostal Church in Arnprior. Iris also attended faithfully as a child; and when she was just nine years of age she gave her life to Christ and was filled with the Holy Spirit in a Sunday evening service. That was 1935, and yes...she was only 9 years of age. Sometimes people wonder if kids can really know God in a real way when they are young. The answer is Yes...Yes...Yes! If you are a child and you have experienced God's presence and power in your life you will know how Iris felt. It was in these early years of her life that Iris felt God calling her to be a missionary and do His work around the world.

A little later in life, while teaching in Toronto, Iris felt God's call on her life once again. It was then that she decided to resign from teaching and enrolled at Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. During her studies there, Iris felt led to put in an application to serve in Kenya, Africa. She became a licensed "Ministerial Missionary" with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) and it wasn't long before the PAOC granted her request and commissioned Iris to missionary work in Kenya.

## School is GOOD!

- Iris went to school and got a **very good** education by working hard
- She also learned **many different languages** to be able to communicate



Throughout her life, Iris knew the importance of education. She has her B.A. in Missiology and a B.A. in Religious Education. Iris also completed a Masters in Christian Education and in later years worked towards a Doctor of Ministry. What accomplishments!

Missionary life caused Iris to become fluent in several languages other than just English. She learned to speak Kiswahili and Kimaragoli and did studies in Lullagoli and Swahili.

## Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid

- Iris would joke because her friends would never eat a chicken wing because they were afraid they would never get married
- Iris has eaten more than a few chicken wings in her days



Iris would joke about her Maragoli friends who would tell her never to eat a chicken wing. They claimed that women who did would never get married! Well, Miss Iris has eaten probably more than a few wings over the years!! But girls...don't let it scare you (chicken is good for you!)

## Dedicated to Serve

- Iris has been the **longest working** PAOC member in Kenya
- She has worked so hard over the years but she **wont realize her impact** until she dies and goes to heaven



At present, Iris Scheel is the longest serving PAOC missionary in Kenya. Because of her determination to make a difference for Christ on this earth, she has influenced the lives of many people. Not until she reaches Heaven one day will Iris Scheel truly realize the impact her life and teaching has had over the years.

70% Yes    30% No



- Can you imagine what your city or town would be like if 70% of the people lived for Christ?
- What about if 7 out of 10 kids in your public school were Christians ?

She has been a key leader in the area of education in Kenya over the years and it is because of her, and others like her, that people often reference Kenya to be approximately 70% Christian. Can you imagine what your city or town would be like if 70% of the people lived for Christ? What about if 7 out of 10 kids in your public school were Christians?

## Always Ready to Help!



- Iris did many different things for the people in Kenya, she taught **Sunday School**
- She even **headed up a high school!**

The list is too long to include everything, but here are some of the things Miss Iris or “Scheeli” has done to change the spiritual landscape in Kenya. Her life is truly an example of God’s power at work through a faithful servant and teacher.

Iris headed up Goibei Girls High School in Kenya. She also taught Sunday School and was involved in Children’s and Youth work.

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## Too Little?????

- So what can a little girl from Arnprior, Ontario do for Jesus in her lifetime?  
LOTS!!!!!!!!!! Today Iris Scheel has many Trophies – they are lives of committed Christians around the globe



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