

PROFILE



MARGARET EVANS KENYA

Margaret Evans is working with the Shauri Yako Youth Support Centre in Nyeri, Kenya as a Youth Program Coordinator. She counsels and trains street youth in life skills; teaches and leads bible studies, and organizes educational activities such as art, music, drawing, sports and outdoor expeditions. She also helps to organize HIV voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) events and helps with the centre's home-based care program, which provides care for people living with HIV in their homes. The Shauri Yako Youth Support Centre is a partner of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Its work with youth and women is supported by program grants from Presbyterian World Service & Development. Margaret is supported by *Presbyterians Sharing*.

Margaret became actively involved with issues of human rights and global poverty after her first overseas experience with The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Youth in Mission trip to Guatemala in May 2005. This trip helped focus her perspectives and ignite her interest in global issues. It led her to pursue studies in global relations and globalization at the University of Western Ontario, from which she graduated in the spring of 2009. Margaret traveled to Thailand as a chaplain for the 2008 summer World University Games with a campus organization called Athletes In Action. She was part of Athletes in Action's leadership team on campus, serving as the women's outreach and bible study leader, and club president. Margaret was also an active member of Students Taking Action Now Darfur (STAND), an advocacy group focused on lobbying the government to get involved in issues of genocide and Through the Roof, a monthly Christian outreach organization based on the story of Mark 2.

In the summer of 2008 Margaret participated in a five week exposure tour to the Middle East through the Canadian Friends of Sabeel. This ecumenical group works with Palestinian Christians on human rights and peace and reconciliation in the Middle East. Margaret participated in this experience with support from The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PWS&D and *Presbyterians Sharing*). This trip sparked Margaret's desire to seek justice and mercy through peaceful means for all people affected by war, poverty or disease.

Margaret is a member of St. Andrew's Guelph and has served on the Music and Worship council there.