## **Trip to Africa with the Caseys**



Instructor: Bill and Rosemary Casey Date/ Time: Thursday 10am-noon Session Dates: Oct 26 (1 session)

Location: NSCC Amherst

Participants: no minimum, no maximum

## **Course Outline:**

In 2007 several parliamentarians were invited to visit many aspects of Kenya including the stressed healthcare facilities, incredible slums of Kibera, schools and parliamentary operations. We distributed nets to protect from malaria mosquitoes in the country. We met with grandmothers who have assumed parenting as a result of aids fatalities. Cross-section of life in Kenya.

The Canadian parliamentarians were allowed to bring their spouse at their own expense and I brought my wife Rosemary. One of the other parliamentarians in attendance was now the mayor of Halifax, Mike Savage.

One of the focuses of the trip was the micro credit process where people are given a very small amount of money to start a business such as barber, small store, carpenter, etc. Has proven to be an amazingly successful program.

After our visit to Kenya Rosie and I decided to take advantage of the trip to go on a safari in Tanzania in the Serengeti National Park. We will be showing some slides of both the parliamentary portion of the trip and the Safari in the Park.

## **Instructor Bio:**

Bill Casey was a former MP representing both the Conservative and Liberal parties and as an Independent.

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