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An American Businessman's Spiritual Adventure in Africa

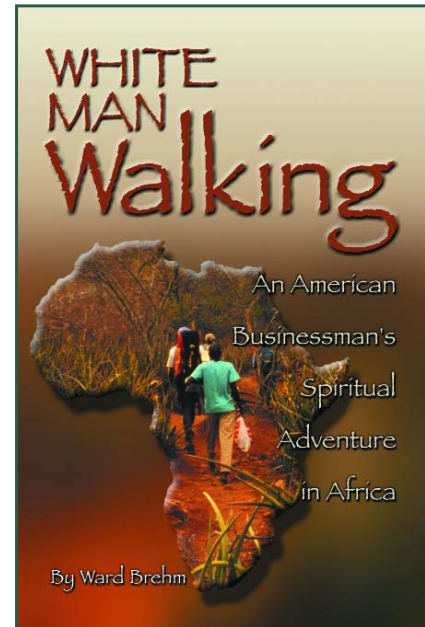
by Ward Brehm

This is the story of Ward Brehm's life-changing, 5-day walk across the difficult terrain of West Pokot, Kenya. In Africa, white men don't walk. They come in vehicles; they always drive. Ward accepted an African's challenge to walk. It was the first time many along the way had seen a white man. At the end of the walk, the tribal elders gave Ward the title, "Nyakan," meaning "a brave man who faces the unknown with only faith in God." Ward became a legend. His adventure walking across the inhospitable terrains of East Africa and his encounter with the local people became a life-changing faith journey. He who went as a reluctant visitor to Africa was drawn into the heart and soul of the continent

"I was filled with an overwhelming sense that I was called in some mysterious way to take this walk. In the eyes of the Pokot, my completion of the five-day trek through the arid hills, dried-up riverbeds, and rocky terrain earned me the honor of "Nyakan." But, I realized that the sights, smells, and emotions of those few days had been extraordinary and had been embedded in my heart and soul forever. During those days I was praying instead of planning, I listened more than I talked, I learned more than I taught."

-Ward Brehm

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What the Reviewers are Saying about **White Man Walking**

Ward Brehm's adventure walking across the terrains of East Africa and his encounter with the local people became a faith journey that was to change his life forever. Read this book to discover how one man's heart was changed once and for all when he reluctantly accepted God's calling to see the heart of Africa.

-Anna Mkapa, First Lady of Tanzania

Ward writes like he talks — wonderful reporting, sensitive to detail, great anthropological instincts. He has learned a marvelous lesson: you can't hug from a distance! His walk is incarnational, a ministry of presence, bridging the gap between "observed pain and shared pain." His is a theology that touches the ground.

-Bob Seiple, Former United States Ambassador for International Religious Freedom

The pages of this book open the doors to a life-changing experience rich with unexpected fellowship, insight, and self-discovery — truly God-appointed blessings.

-Paul A. Magnuson, Senior Judge, United States Federal Court

In a society dependent on people and things to provide purpose and direction, discover meaning in a day filled with nothing to do and no place to go. Ward did and you will too in this unique "walk by faith, not by sight" adventure.

-David F. Durenberger, Former United States Senator

Ward Brehm has captured the intriguing vision of travelling an African journey. He combines his pursuit to discover the heart of Africa with his desire to understand and share his transformation experience in this elaborative book.

-Lazaro Nyalandu, Member of Tanzanian Parliament

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About the Author

Ward Brehm

Ward Brehm was born and raised in Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA degree in Political Science and History.

Brehm founded and is Chairman of The Brehm Group, Inc. and Capstone Advisors Inc, two insurance consulting firms based in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brehm is the author of two books relating his experiences in Africa. *Life Through a Different Lens* (Kirk House Publishers 1994) and most recently *White Man Walking* (Kirk House Publishers 2003).

In April 2004, Brehm was nominated by President George Bush as a director of The African Development Foundation, a U.S. government agency under the direction of the U.S. Senate and the State Department.

Brehm has traveled to East Africa 14 times since his first visit in 1993. He has established and funded numerous non-profit rural based projects including Windpump development in remote Northwest Kenya and HIV/AIDS and micro-enterprise projects in Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania. Since 1993, he has brought numerous teams of other successful American businessmen to experience both the wondrous lessons as well as great needs of Africa.

Over the past few years, Brehm has been working with friends in Washington DC to encourage small prayer groups (similar to those meeting in the US Senate and House of Representatives) among leaders in Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya.

This combination of practical experience working among the world's "poorest of the poor" in Africa as well as relationships and friendships within the highest circles of African government leaders has given Brehm a great love for Africa as well as a refreshing and unique perspective of the continent.

Brehm lives in Wayzata, Minnesota and has been married for 24 years to wife, Kris. They have three children: Andy, age 23; Mike, age 19; and Sarah, age 14.