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Heather Dellamater '11, '13, '15, is a multi-year graduate of Judson University and has been making a significant impact in the world as a Missionary for Global Outreach International. Heather says her undergraduate degree in Human Services, followed by her MAOL and MBA degrees, all earned at Judson University, prepared her for her current work.

Today, Heather and her husband live with and serve the Maasai people in Southern Kenya. For over five years they have built out a gospel-centered community development project there called <u>Kijani Farm</u>.



"There are many things that I love about our work. But I will share two First, we love living with the people we serve and having the privilege of being both neighbors and helpers. I also love our bible study. We have a thriving women's bible study that meets weekly with over 60 women in attendance, and the majority are hearing about God's word for the first time."

Heather credits Judson University for preparing her for her current work and success. As an adult student, Heather appreciated the structure of Judson's programs and the opportunities they provided.

"I attended Judson University as an adult, and the timing and cohort structure of the program were very appealing. Once I began, I loved the learning environment and the rotation of amazing professors, but what stood out the most was being able to apply real world experiences in the classroom. This played a huge role in our current ministry today. Kijani Farm was truly built in the Judson classrooms!"

Since her time as a student, Heather says she has seen the impact her education has not only had on her but also those around her.

"The strategies used at Judson are strategies adapted to grow a thriving ministry in the bush of Africa. We currently manage three primary schools (impacting 165 children and teachers), hire young adults that are disciplined and learn job skills, sponsor intelligent young adults so that they can attend university, while also leading bible studies and entrepreneurial projects."

Reflecting on her time at Judson, Heather said, "With God and opportunities I have seen that anything is possible. You can do great things and genuinely bring about change for future generations."

Despite being thousands of miles away from Judson, Heather remains connected to the university community and is grateful for her Judson experience. "There are many faculty that taught with wisdom, shared their real-world experience and their faith with me. I enjoy staying connected with former graduates and friends. Ainsley Guske, a very recent Judson graduate, was here on the farm in early February and it was wonderful to have the common bond of learning, loving Jesus and being a Judson alum."

Heather and her husband's work at Kijani Farm continues to inspire others and change lives. To learn more about their project, visit www.kijanifarm.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.