



MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

**MISSIONS TRIP
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Dear Partners in Christ:

Ruby and I just returned from 7-weeks in Kenya and are praising and thanking God for what He is doing there and for allowing us to be a part of it. We do, however, have to make ourselves stay focused because the needs of the people are so vast both spiritual and physical, especially in the slums where the garbage dumps are.



Slums in Dandora

Bush Ministry

We spent a lot of time in the bush with both the Maasai and the Samburu whose cultures are much alike. We went to their villages and preached the gospel that Jesus saves. God proved once again that He is "no respecter of persons" and wants all His creation to be saved And born again. This also includes our next door neighbors right here at home!



Samburu Women

MIA also received money to build church number 48. This time for the Samburu up north of Mount Kenya. We also placed an order with the Bible Society of Kenya for 5,000 NT bibles to be printed in the Maasai language. These will be given out to the older Maasai students in bush boarding schools and to Maasai churches.

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

The MCDC that Peter and Momma Jane started in the mid-nineties with 12-street kids now numbers 701. Little did they know! In January, February and March of 2008 they took in about 100 slum kids who were seriously affected by the post-election violence. Some were physically beaten (or raped) and some were mentally traumatized as they witnessed inhuman acts of violence.



Ruby and the Kids

AS A SPECIAL NOTE, ONLY 408 OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE SPONSORS AT \$25.00 PER MONTH. PLEASE HELP US PASS THE WORD THAT WE NEED MORE SPONSORS! MOST NEW ONES COME FROM WORD OF MOUTH. HAVE THEM CALL JEANNINE AT 1-816-554-8999.

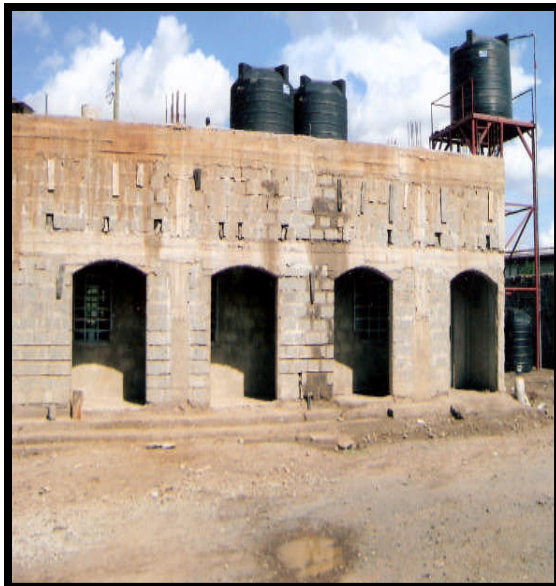
Jane also brought all 80-90 high school students in from the country schools and put them in temporary class rooms at the new MCDC campus that is under construction. This was because the violence spread even to some of these schools. Many schools were set on fire and the children were afraid. So, for now, MCDC is K-12th grade on campus. A new high school principal and seven new teachers have been hired to accommodate these high school students. Please pray for Peter and Jane as this is no small ministry any more.



Construction continues around 300 or so kids in temporary class rooms at the new MCDC campus. The other 400 are still at the old campus. The third floor has been added to the dormitory building which is now being used as temporary class rooms. Hopefully by this summer the first 20 dorm rooms will become available for some of the truly orphans.

New Desks

Last December 2008 a \$20,000 matching gift challenge was presented to MIA by a couple and designated to be used on the new campus construction. Oh-me of little faith, I really didn't expect much response because it was Christmas and the economy was so bad. So was I ever surprised when \$27,200 came in! This is keeping construction going for the time being but they need a lot more. God surely loves and cares for these street kids. We thank Him and each one of you who give of your time and money to these children. They now have hope and Hope has a name - JESUS!



The well and a complete water system is now in place.



MIA Board Member Bill Howard is shown here with a new friend.

Jeannine's Corner

I want to add a few lines to this newsletter. I was privileged to go to Kenya for 3 weeks this past winter. The trip was very rewarding. I was able to participate in the party for the Mathare Child Development Center kids which you, our Mercy In Action partners sponsor. It was a blessing to see how they are growing and serving the Lord.

After our visit at Mathare Child Development Centre, we went up-country to the area inhabited by the Samburu tribes. We were able to witness to this tribe about Jesus Christ and it was such joy to see them receive Him into their lives. One boma of 600 people was led to the Lord and a church was planted. Plans to build a church building and the assignment of a national pastor will nurture them in the word.

I want to express my thanks to all of you who were so kind and patient with me during the past year when things were so difficult in the loss of a daughter-in-law and my dear husband Omar. Your expressions of love helped keep me up! Thanks for overlooking all the mistakes I made on your letters. I will try to do better in the future. May you all be Blessed.



I'm holding Angel, one of the Little Ones
At the Mathare Child Development Centre



Samburu women who accepted the
Lord

Let's work for Jesus while it is still day "for the night cometh". Be encouraged and fear not for God is in total control. He is allowing the world to go down just like the "Word" says it will. Get excited— we could be "THAT" generation that ushers in His return.

In Him,

Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke

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