

MERCY IN ACTION

INTERNATIONAL

Jan.–Feb. 2013 MISSION TRIP KENYA, AFRICA

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Dear Partners,

One of my personal challenges, as a follower of Jesus, is to never let myself to be satisfied with past experiences and testimonies. How easy it is to get in the rut of life where we just float down stream. So here's what I'm telling myself:

- 1) It's always a "Yes Lord" from me that starts something new from God.
- 2) Living satisfied with past testimonies and experiences is as dangerous as living discouraged by past mistakes.
- 3) Shoot for the impossible—even if you are slightly off the bull's eye you'll hit incredible.

<u>1Cor 15:58</u> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

Now for some highlights of this trip and ministry



MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

There's no shortage of kids at MCDC. Now over 1000! God is raising up some powerful voices for His kingdom service here on earth.



One of the boys' dormitory rooms. There are now 30 boys and 38 girls that have been "rescued" from extremely high risk street situations. They now call MCDC their home and Mamma Jane their "mother"!

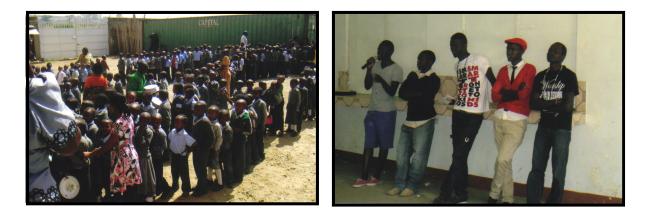


Third floor and roof under construction of the kitchen-dining hall building at the new Donora Campus, MCDC.



Thanks to you partners, Feb. 8th was Party Day for all 1000 plus kids and staff at MCDC and what a day it was! We do this every 2-3 years for all the kids. The program started at 11:30am with singing, dancing, skits, greetings, speeches and the presentation of a special cake for Mercy In Action. We normally furnish each child with a small, inexpensive gift but this year was different. A precious couple who have a special love for these kids donated money to buy all 1052 kids a brand new school sweater. The two kids above are showing off in theirs!

Also, this year the dinner was catered so that all 63 staff members could enjoy it too. It was a chicken dinner with all the trimmings and included 155 chickens alone!



The little kids went through the dinner line first to get a plate heaped high and a bottle of soda. A lot of these kids have never had a piece of chicken in their entire lives.

The five older boys shown above are all high school graduates of MCDC. They were invited to the party to testify about what God has done in their lives through Mamma Jane and MCDC. This was a special encouragement to all the younger kids to take full advantage of their opportunity to be at MCDC and to work and study hard.



New MCDC Dondora Campus



Dormitory Building Dondora Campus

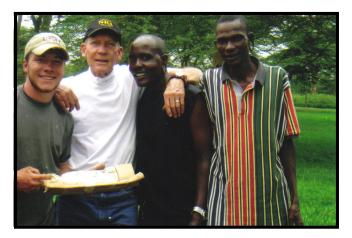


Two New Vegetable Greenhouses.

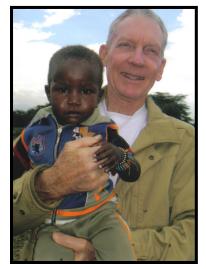


Two new bio-gas tents and bladders

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



Aaron, myself, Petro and William working at "Namelok Enkare" Maasai Prayer and Conference Centre.



Camp worker, Joseph's, little boy at his boma. *He's My Buddy!*

Thank you partners for the work you are doing and as always, Ruby and I pay for all of our travel expenses so your dollars go directly to the ministry. God bless each of you.

In Him!

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