



MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

MINISTRY UPDATE
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Dear Partners,

The Holy Spirit said through James 2:15-17:

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food and one of you say unto them “depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself if it does not have works, is dead.

Depart in peace, be warmed and filled are simply “best wishes” for somebody, even if they are said in faith. When someone is naked and destitute, they need more than “best wishes.” They need both their physical, and spiritual needs met! When a person is starving, he can’t eat the Bible you give him nor is his spiritual need greater than his physical need at this point.

So, we preach the gospel that Jesus saves AND provides for peoples physical needs of the body. This is what MERCY IN ACTION (MIA) is all about and we have found it to work because it is God ordained in His word. In fact many times, it works best in reverse. You meet a persons physical needs and he will then be open to the Lord to meet his spiritual needs.

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

Future plans for the new MCDC campus includes dormitory rooms for the truly orphans and other children “at high risk,” but as of now, all MCDC children must go back to wherever they stay in the Mathare slums at night. Two important decisions were made this trip at MCDC:

- 1) Get a dormitory room set up and running for 20 of the most vulnerable MCDC girls to live on the new campus. The recent rape of two MCDC girls while they were back in the slum at night was the reason for this decision.



These are the two young girls who were recently raped; the little one by her own father and the other by two men in the slum.



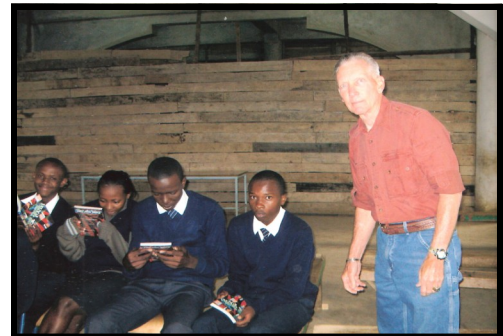
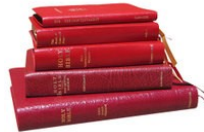
This is the new dorm room which was opened for 18 girls on July 11, 2010. There are now 20 girls in the room. Some said they had never slept in a bed before! Many did not even have a piece of soap when they came.

We know that it cost \$94 per girl for the initial purchases needed like pillows, blankets, pajamas, flip-flops and other personal items. On-going expenses are estimated to be about \$40/month/girl for total live-in costs.

It was decided not to wait on designated funds to be received but to get these girls to safety now and believe God for the money. Momma Jane is going to need help on this one. If you have an interest, please designate “dormitory live-in expense” on your contribution to MIA and we thank you.

2) Many city officials want a bribe (which Momma Jane and Peter will not pay) to issue a building permit for the construction of the 1st classroom building. This has been going on for over a year. Peter has hired an attorney to fight them but still no permit. We need the classroom building because the dormitory building is now being used as temporary classrooms.

In the meantime construction will begin on the 2nd story of the kitchen-dining hall building which can then be used for temporary classrooms. This will free up more dormitory rooms for more of the kids to begin coming in off of the streets.



I spoke to all the 9th -12th grade students. I challenged them to step up and be the next generation of leaders for both the Lord and for their country.

Then Ruby and I gave each one a “TRUTH FOR YOUTH” Bible which we carried in from the U.S. There are \pm 100 students in 9th - 12th grades at MCDC.



MCDC lower grade kids



MCDC upper grade kids



Ruby in the kitchen at the new MCDC campus.



Here we are with Momma Jane and Peter Nuthu who started MCDC in 1995 with 12 street boys.

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



This Maasai woman's name is NAOMI and she is the first Maasai woman pastor! She was having services under a tree until Mike and Marigold built her a church just 3 months ago.



MIA participated in Maasai Children's Ministry with Melissa White (Mike and Marigold's daughter). Several Maasai primary schools were visited where the students heard the Gospel, received salvation, and were then given a N.T. Bible in their own language. Over 1000 Bibles were handed out to 4th grade and above students.

Melissa and her puppet ministry team performing for the kids. They had never seen such a thing!



Thank you for indulging Ruby and I. These are pictures of our granddaughter Corin on her first trip to Africa. She fit right in and performed like a pro.



MINISTRY NEEDS

- 1) Pray the city officials will give the go ahead for construction of the first new classroom building at the new campus.
- 2) Please consider helping with the expenses incurred for bringing the first 20 MCDC girls in off the streets and into a live-in dorm room. This will be their home.
- 3) Please consider helping to build more Maasai churches in the bush at \$3,000 each. 16-more are needed now
- 4) Please consider helping us buy more Maasai Bibles. We are down to about 600 and need to order 5,000 more at \$2.25 each.
- 5) We still need sponsors for about 400 MCDC students at \$25 per month. Please pass the word.

You partners of MIA are the ones who are making it happen. Luke 6:38 to each of you.

As always, Ruby and I pay all of our travel expenses so your dollars go directly to the ministry.

In Him,

Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke

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