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Dear Partners,

## LIGHT VS DARKNESS

Light and darkness are two extreme opposites. Both are powerful. Darkness is just the absence of light. This is true both in the physical as well as in the spiritual. If you were in a cave far underground darkness would rule until you struck a match. Then, even this smallest source of light would overcome and dispel the darkness around it. Darkness has to flee where there is light. You can't gather up darkness and cause it to overcome and dispel light. This is important for us to know because we exist in an unseen spiritual world that is full of both light and darkness.

The bible is full of scripture on both light and darkness:

- +God is Light - Jesus is the Light of the world
- +You and I are children of Light
- +We are to walk in the Light
- +We are to let our Light shine, not hide it
- +We are to bear witness of the Light

I could go on and on but you get the picture. As followers of Jesus, we are commanded to take authority over any darkness (satan and his demons) in our lives and in our surrounding world and cast them down and out (break their power) in the mighty Name of Jesus! This is done through prayer and the spoken Word. Is it easy, no. Is it possible, yes!

## MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)



Some of the little Pre-K babies taking their afternoon naps at the MCDC Huruma Campus. Good nourishing food makes you sleepy!



Here are two MCDC high school students in their brand new senior high uniforms standing in class with their teacher.



**This little guy's name is JAYDEN KIMANI with Ruby. He and his mother lived in the Mathare Valley "getto". When Jayden was about 3 months old, his mother, who was drunk, fell into a sewer ditch while carrying Jayden. She was able to crawl out but left her baby to drown. Some nearby getto women witnessed this and jumped into the sewer ditch to rescue the baby. They saved him, cleaned him up and took him to Mama Jane at MCDC because they knew she would rescue him. They were right, Mama Jane and staff at MCDC took him in and cared for him. He is now about 3-4 years old and has been through pre-school. Different staff at the school still care for him in their homes as he is too young to live in a dorm. Another life saved!**

**This young girl's name is FAITH NAMBUA. She is 12 years old and a seventh grader at MCDC. When Faith was about 8 months old, her mother brought her to the MCDC school and asked someone if she could use the toilet. She then handed the baby to this person to hold till she came back. She then disappeared and never came back. She abandoned the baby. Mama Jane kept the baby in her home for 3 years. After that, another staff member took her in and kept her until she was old enough to start school at MCDC and live in a dormitory room. Another life saved!**



**This is Mama Jane, Ruby and I standing in the MCDC girls dormitory room where Faith and others like her live. The dorm rooms are nice and clean, the beds are good and at the present time (thanks to you partners) there are 95 high risk children living in them 24/7. Off the streets safe and sound.**

## MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY

When in the bush we always spend time with the 40 young ladies who are live-in students at the “Ruth Hoke Maasai Girls Boarding School” near the Namelok Camp where we stay in tents. These girls are all about 9-13 years old. This Christian boarding school is Kenya accredited and was originally started to save these young Maasai girls from the traditional Maasai ritual of FGM (Female Genital Mutilation). It is literally a rescue center both spiritually and physically! These girls will never be the same again. With funding this project can house 100 girls.



This year we were able to give each student (and all 11 staff members) a bible purchased by *Mercy In Action*. The school teaches in English therefore the bibles are a Good News translation



This is the dormitory room where all 40 girls live and sleep. An older Maasai matron lives and sleeps with all the girls in this room.



The traditional diet for Maasai girls is what's called ughlli which is being prepared in this picture. It's much like our grits only thicker. This is supplemented with fresh cows milk and vegetables.



These girls are checking out their new bibles and are dressed in their school uniforms.

*Mercy in Action* furnishes bibles to other missionaries like Maurice and Erica White of *Firewind Ministries*. They traveled deep into the bush to a large Maasai boarding school where they were able to give out 520 *Mercy in Action* bibles to students and staff.



Thank you and bless you partners for touching these many lives for Jesus.

As always, we and all team members pay for 100% of all our travel expenses so your dollar goes to the ministry.

In Him,

Bob and Ruby Nell

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