



MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

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MISSION TRIP
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Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke
And MIA Team

Dear Partners,

In the south she would be called “Miss Jeannine”. I’m speaking of Jeannine Drouillard who for the last 17 years has been Mercy In Action’s office administrator as well as board secretary/treasurer. She is a very special team member of Mercy In Action.

The founding of Mercy In Action was not a planned event by either Ruby nor myself. It was simply a God thing. Little did we know! But, when it did happen, Jeannine immediately volunteered to be the new ministry office administrator. Little did she know! Jeannine had already been to Africa on ministry 8-10 times and had the Lord’s calling on her life for the people there. Now here we are 17 years later and she is still the one keeping Mercy In Action firing on all cylinders. I’ve told a lot of people over the years that Ruby and I do the easy part, Jeannine does the hard part. Mercy In Action has always been a team of volunteers and she like the rest of us has never wanted, nor received, any ministry compensation for administrative management or trip expenses.



Probably most of you partners have, at one time or another, talked with Jeannine about the Lord, your partnership with Mercy In Action or other things going on in your lives. She has commented many times how she appreciates the nice notes of thanks and encouragement that many of you send her way. She always goes overboard on making sure you partners are well taken care of and satisfied with your partner relationship with Mercy In Action.

Just wanted all you partners to know how blessed we all are to have “Miss Jeannine” on our team. She brings her gifts to the table with grace, anointing and professionalism.



MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

The high risk girls who live at MCDC in the dormitory (28 of them) have been after “Auntie Ruby” for 2-3 years to spend the night with them in a “sleep-over”. Well, a year



ago Lori Loomis had a team of ladies in with us and Ruby mentioned it to them. They all decided to come back next year and do it. So this year they all came in with sheets, blankets, nail polish, knitting supplies and hearts full of the love of Jesus ready to minister to these precious dorm girls. Painted toe nails was a first!

Teaching the girls to knit hats and scarves.



These are some of the finished knitted items the girls were taught to make by the team.



Some of the dormitory boys couldn't stand it. They just had to get in on some of the fun that night!

God only knows how this sleep over has, and will effect these young girls for the rest of their lives. To think that these American ladies would choose to spend a night with them in the slum of Mathare Valley when they could leave and stay at some nice hotel in Nairobi, safe, secure and even have hot water to bathe with—to these girls this was nothing less than a powerful demonstration of the love of Jesus.



Some of the ladies also spent time with the kids in the classrooms while others helped the kitchen staff prepare food for the 450 hungry kids at the Dondora Campus.



Stephanie and Lori working on kids letters to sponsors, creating excel reports and entering the data onto the new reports.



Troy then created a new account in the "cloud" for the excel reports. Now for the first time, authorized people on both sides of the globe can access these reports and data 24/7.



This is the brand new computer lab on the Huruma MCDC Campus that we got to open and dedicate. Thank you partners for making this special project come true. Now there are secure computer labs on both MCDC campuses with 15 desktops in each one.



MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



Ruby and I participated with Marigold Cheshier and her team at a Maasai Women's Conference held near a town center close to the Tanzania border. The sound equipment set-up utilized a termite hill for speakers as the conference was held outside under two big cactus trees!



Ruby, along with her interpreter was one of the three teacher/speakers at the all day women's conference.



Our part is to go and preach Jesus. The Holy Spirit then does the miraculous by convicting and drawing hearts to respond to the gospel message which He did here with these Maasai women.

All in all another wonderful trip of team ministry for the Lord Jesus. This is some of what you partners of Mercy In Action are a part of.

As always, Ruby and I pay for all our travel expenses so your dollar goes to the ministry.

In Him,

Bob & Ruby Nell and the MIA Team.

**NOTE: MIA Facebook link is: <https://www.facebook.com/mercyinactioninternational>
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