



## MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

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MISSIONS  
KENYA, AFRICA

Dear Partners,

Most of you partners are fully aware of “*MERCY IN ACTION’S*” (*MIA*) 24-year ministry to street children in the Kenyan slum known as “Mathare Valley”. This slum has over 600,000 adults and children surviving in abject poverty with no earthly hope or future. The street children Ruby met there in 1996 was the beginning of the ministry project now known as the “Mathare Child Development Centre” (MCDC). Over the years, *MIA* along with you partners, have seen this ministry grow to include up to 850 street kids being supplied with school uniforms, daily food, medical attention and a PK-12th grade Kenya accredited education. In addition to all this, live-in dormitory rooms are provided for up to 95 very high risk children and, its all done under the banner of “Jesus is Lord”.

In 2022 the Kenya government issued directives to all schools designating grades 7-8-9 to be known as “Jr. High” grades, and as such, the 85 or so MCDC students in these grades would have to be supplied with 1) new different color uniforms 2) newly revised text books 3) new science and music rooms 4) student lockers. We estimate the total costs for all these special government requirements to be about \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you partners who have already given to help fund these new government requirements.

### MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)



Shown above are new uniforms purchased, in the past, for kids who have out-grown the ones they currently have, or for new students just enrolled at MCDC for the first time.

**Regardless of a child's age, new uniforms cost about \$75 not including shoes. You give these kids good nourishing food and they out grow their clothes pretty fast. Just think about 800 plus kids and how often new uniforms and shoes need to be purchased.**



**It's always an exciting time when you get new clothes and then get to go and put them on! Lots of smiles! All get shirts and sweaters, the boys get pants and the girls skirts.**



**Older high school kids are no exception. Their uniforms are dark blue with white shirts. The older girls all like white socks. Reminds me of the 1950's.**



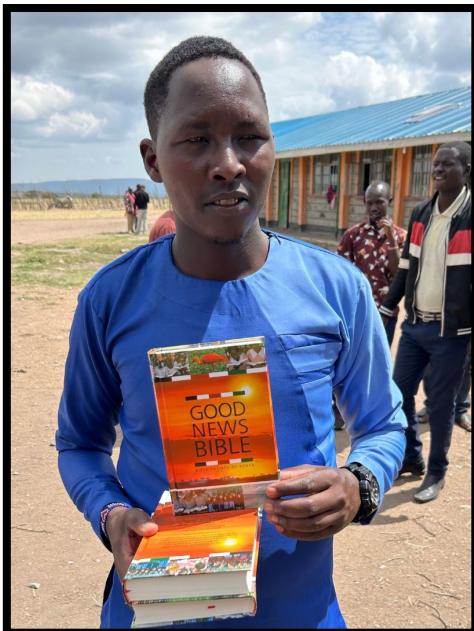


## **MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY**

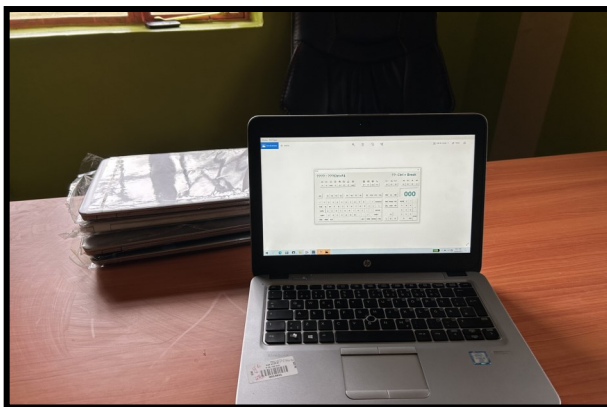
***MERCY IN ACTION*** board member Lori Loomis and her team joined Mike and Marigold Cheshire with Firewind Ministries for a deep bush camp ministry where unreached Maasai, both young and old, received the gospel in town centers, bomas, schools and even under trees. As a result, many new names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life.



The Maasai schools welcome followers of Jesus and always invite us to stop by and preach Jesus to the kids. Since these children are the ones learning to read and write English, we always have hundreds of new bibles with us and give one to each child who can read as well as to all the teachers and staff.



Passing out the brand new “Good News” bibles that are furnished by you partners of “***MERCY IN ACTION***”. We purchase these bibles locally in Nairobi.



Above are some of the 40 Maasai girls enrolled at the “Ruth Hoke” Maasai Girl’s school near Namelok Enkare Camp. The teams always pay them a visit to encourage them in their walk with Jesus and to do their very best in their studies at school.

And thanks to you partners, “*MERCY IN ACTION*” was able to purchase five brand new laptop computers to help these girls learn and stay abreast of the technology we in America take for granted.

Thanks again to all you partners who join with us in changing lives forever because of what Jesus did at Calvary 2000 years ago. And as always, we and all our team members pay 100% of our travel expenses so your dollar goes to the ministry.

In Him,

Bob and Ruby Nell

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