

Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke

Dear Partners,

My devotional today was on “Am I doing my best for the Lord and his kingdom?” Doing my best takes in a lot of territory. My answer came down to two things:

- 1) Vertical—are things that grow and strengthen my personal relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Horizontal—are things I do in ministry for the Lord (ie: works).

I discovered (and not for the first time) that I spend an unproportionate amount of time in, and on, the horizontal things. I can get so caught up in doing the work of the Lord that I sometimes begin to neglect my relationship with the “Lord of the work”. He alone is the miraculous working power in the things I put my hands to. Then I wonder why my ministry efforts are beginning to wane and diminish in effectiveness. I’m trying to do it all on my own! How stupid of me to forget that I am a branch and not the vine. So, once again, I’ve begun to feed on the Word and spend time in prayer both of which must be priority over works. Thank you Lord for your patience, understanding and conviction of the Holy Spirit.

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)



Letting off steam at recess at the existing MCDC campus.



One of two girls’ dormitory rooms at the new MCDC campus.



Ruby and I with Mike & Marigold's team visit the new MCDC campus. All the kids were in classes so things were quiet.



This is the second girls' dormitory room at the new MCDC campus. There are now about 50 beds available for girls.

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



We participated in medical ministry held far back in the bush at a Maasai church. After medical treatment every patient was talked to about their relationship with the Lord Jesus—then the laying on of hands and prayer by the prayer team.



Bush roads to Maasai churches and schools are not user friendly but it is what it is. Melissa White and her team did outstanding children's ministry at this school where the gospel was presented in song, dance, testimonies, puppets and preaching.



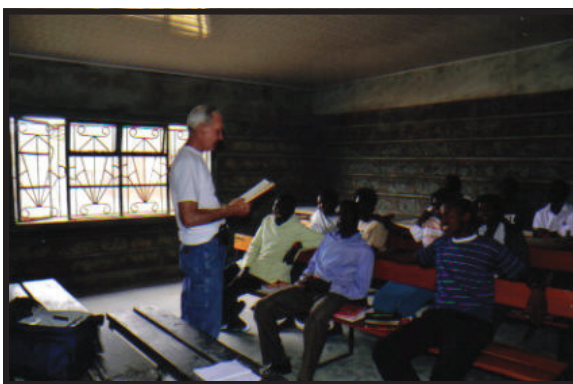
The Holy Spirit really worked in these kids' hearts when the call for salvation was given. It was wonderful to see almost every hand go up as they said "Yes" to Jesus and prayed the prayer of salvation. Afterwards we gave out bibles to every student from the fourth grade and up as well as to all the teachers.



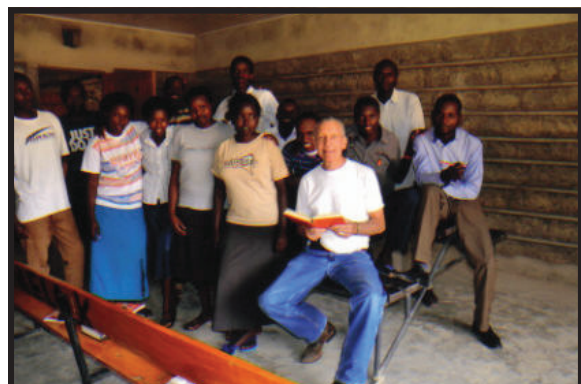
Grandson, Jon handing out Maasai bibles to the students.

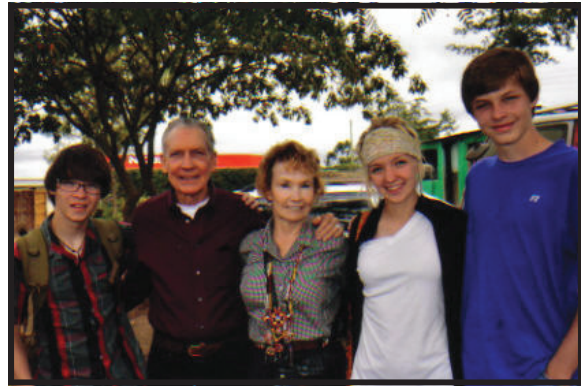


Melissa White's team taught directors of Compassion Intl. "Children's Outreach Ministry" teaching techniques to better reach African kids.



Bob got to teach some Word to the current class of Kenya Master's Commission students at the Namelok Enkare Maasai Bible Training Center. The class contained nine men and four women.





We were blessed to have three of our grandkids with us on this ministry trip. Corin, Jake and Jon Hoke are all a vital part of the next generation.

Thank you, thank you, thank you partners for your prayers and financial support for those things the Lord has allowed MIA to be a part of. As always we pay for all our travel expenses so your dollars go directly to the ministry.

In Him,

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