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Dear Partners,

Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke

“The Holy Spirit of God”

In John chapters 14, 15 and 16 the last thing Jesus taught his followers before He was crucified was that He was going back to the Father and that it would be to their benefit because the Father would then send them the Holy Spirit and that He would be in them. The Holy spirit is not an “it” and is not a “ghost”. All through scripture the Holy Spirit is a He! We know about God the Father and Jesus the Son but, how much do we know about the Holy Spirit? Here is a partial, scriptural, definition of the Holy Spirit of God:

The Holy Spirit intercedes through us on earth. He hears, speaks, teaches and guides us into all truth. He glorifies Christ, receives from Christ, shows us Christ and brings all of Christ's words to our remembrance. It's better for us that Jesus went away so that He, the Holy Spirit, could come. He knows the deep things of God, searches all things and reveals all things. Where He is, there is liberty. The writers of the bible spoke and penned what He revealed to them. We are warned not to grieve Him or quench Him. The sin against Him is unpardonable because sin against Him is against the only one who can reveal the Son to us. Unless a man is born of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. We are convicted by Him, led by Him, baptized with Him and given the power to witness by Him. We are sealed by Him and indwelt by Him. He gives His gifts to each person as He decides and, no one can say “Jesus is Lord” without the help of the Holy Spirit.

If we didn't need the Holy Spirit and His power in our daily walk and service as a follower of Jesus, then Jesus would not have spent so much time teaching about Him in scripture. Get to know the mighty Holy Spirit, better and better. He wants to change your life into an effective powerhouse for the kingdom of God!

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)



Ruby and I spent several days at MCDC and made it a point to spend most of our time with all the kids in the dormitories. These are all either orphans or high risk kids and they always respond to love and attention. Upper left is Ruby with Mama Jack, Lucy and Naomi. They all work with the dorm kids. Upper right is Bob with some of the big girls who always want to act up a bit.



Can you find the mzungu (white face) in this bunch of older dorm girls? You can see Jesus in their smiles now. They all have stories to tell of life before MCDC.



Here we are talking with the older dorm boys. The age break for older dorm kids, both girls and boys, is about 13 years and up as personal needs differ as they mature.



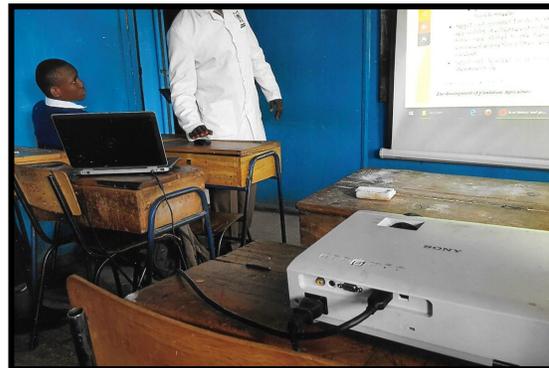
Here is Ruby with Mama Jack, Lucy, Naomi and some of the younger dorm girls. All of these pictures were taken on a Kenya national holiday and that's why the kids are all in street clothes instead of school uniforms.



Here we are with the younger dorm boys. Notice how clean and neat their room is. All dorm kids must make their own beds, wash their own clothes and clean up the toilets and shower areas each day. Each child has a metal trunk under their beds for personal items.

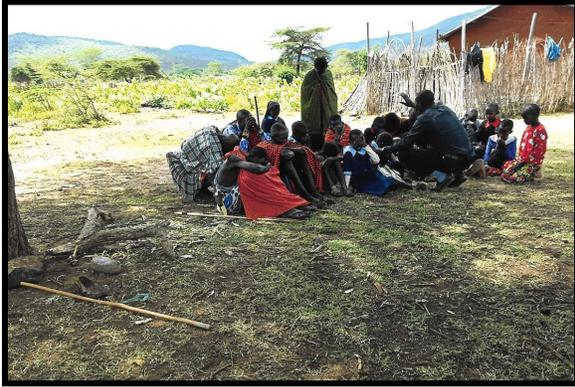


On this day a team of Mike and Marigold Cheshier came by the MCDC Dondora campus to see the project and meet some of the kids. Most are from Ohio although the lady on the left with the camera is a missionary in Tanzania.



Here the teacher in one of the high school classrooms is using a laptop, a projector and an overhead screen to better illustrate and teach his subject. We need another set-up just like this for the Huruma campus. If interested in helping with the cost of this, please designate ***“Overhead Projector”*** on your check.

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



Maasai bush ministry means each vehicle has a driver, a Maasai interpreter, a Maasai who knows the area and village locations and 4-5 team members who testify, sing and preach a salvation message. We participated in two different team bush ministries with the Cheshiers.



We very seldom get a camera out and take a picture as we are not there as tourists. This would be a typical setting of 10-40 Maasai under a tree. Over 2000 Maasai received the Word and repeated the sinner's prayer for salvation! We do our part and the Holy Spirit does the miraculous!



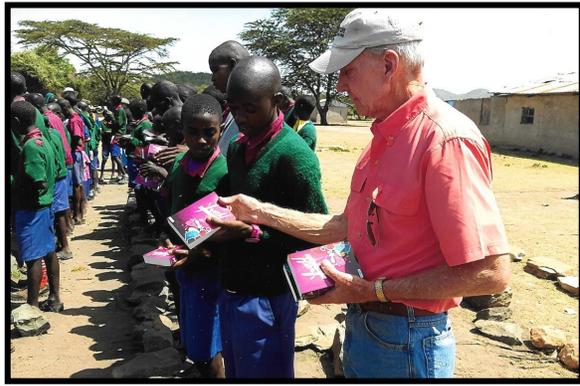
We camped in tents for a week near this Maasai primary school while doing boma ministry in the areas above. The Cheshier's team preached the Word to these 500 students (1st—8th grade) and the response for salvation was overwhelming!



After the salvation message, the kids were taught the Word about healing, deliverance and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The response of the kids and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was unlike anything we have ever seen. Dozens of these kids were slain in the Spirit, filled with the Holy Spirit and lay on the ground weeping and calling out to Jesus!! Revival is happening in the bush of Africa!



At the end of the team service came the giving of bibles to 4th graders and up. These were special bibles from MIA just for youth in a contemporary English version.



All team members pitched in to help pass out the bibles to each student. The students are all taught English and are encouraged to read the bibles to their parents who cannot read.



We also got to participate with the Cheshiers in a Maasai village market day crusade on the Kenya-Tanzania border. Many, many were receptive to the Word and prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



We were once again blessed during this entire bush ministry to have two of our grandsons, Jake and Jon Hoke, back to help preach the gospel of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord!

Overall it was another wonderful trip of team ministry for the Lord Jesus. Hard but worth it and every partner of Mercy In Action is a part of this team. Thanks to each and every one of you for your faithful support and for being a part of this ministry.

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

In Him,

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