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Dear Partners,

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army is quoted as saying:

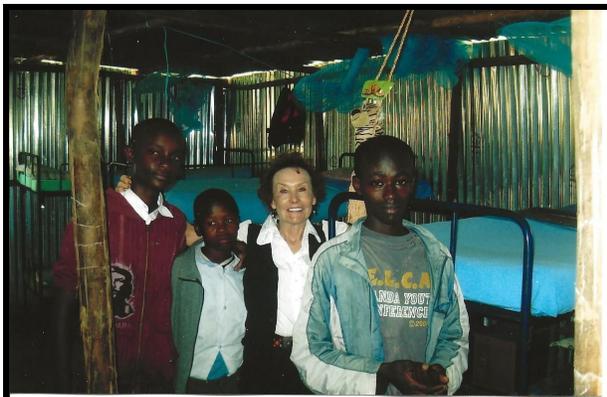
“I consider that the chief dangers which confront the coming century will be...Christianity without the Holy Spirit, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God and heaven without hell.”

I truly believe he was in fact, prophesying about where we are today especially in America and especially about God the Holy Spirit. Every born again follower of Jesus knows full well God the Father and God the Son. But how many really allow God the Holy Spirit to help us in our daily walk? He is not a ghost, or an it or some kind of second class member of the Godhead. God the Holy Spirit is God. So why do some believers embrace God the Father and God the Son but keep God the Holy Spirit at arms length? Beats me, because I need all the help I can get in today's world and Jesus called Him “our helper” four different times in John chapters 14, 15 and 16.

Jesus would never send someone to replace Himself that would cause mistrust or confusion in His Church. He even said we would be “better off” if He departed so that He could send the Holy Spirit to be with us and in us. Don't let the devil hoodwink you and tell you that embracing God the Holy Spirit in your life is a waste of time and that to do so might even turn you into some kind of a weirdo Christian. Of course the devil don't want you to know about the Holy Spirit's endowed power for us to witness; the very thing that birthed the church of the Lord Jesus 2000 years ago. Look how the Holy Spirit changed Peter's life after he received the promise. He got up and preached his first sermon and the result was “about 3000 souls were saved and born again” (Acts 2:14). How about we trust Jesus and believe what He said and let God the Holy Spirit come into our lives as our helper, guide, teacher, giver of gifts and the one who produces the fruits of the Spirit in us. Jesus knew we needed the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to be productive ambassadors for Him.

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

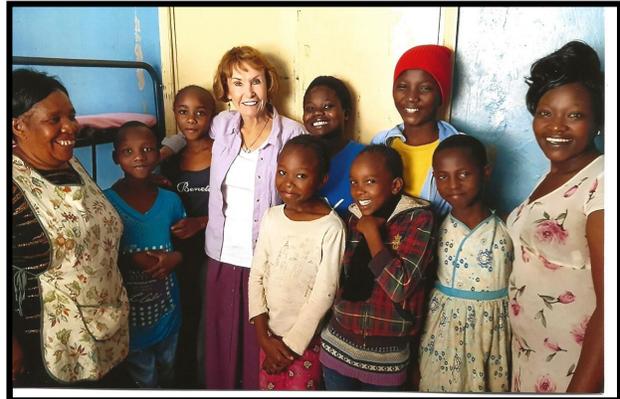
As of June 2022 there were a total of 856 street kids enrolled in MCDC and each one has a survival story to tell about their life in the slums both before, and after, MCDC. In July 2010 it was determined that some of the kids were in too much danger at night in the slums to continue as-is. The result was that the first two dormitory rooms were set-up at the Dondora Campus. One for girls and one for boys.



Over the years, with your help, these two dorm rooms have grown into 5 and usually house between 70-85 very high risk kids. These dorm rooms are their homes 24/7.



This is Ruby with some of the older girls which we call “the big girls”.



And these are some of the younger girls (pre-puberty) who call these dorm rooms home.



Likewise, here is one of the “big boys” rooms with about 14-16 beds.



And their counterparts, some of the younger boys in one of their dorm rooms.

Every MCDC student identified as being high-risk (usually an orphan) and are approved to live in a dormitory room are furnished with a starter kit that includes: bar soap/personal hygiene supplies/toothbrush and toothpaste/flip flops/pajamas/mattress/sheets/blanket/pillowcase/washing bucket/school uniforms plus jacket/and a large metal trunk to keep all their personal items in which slides under their beds.

Each one also receives breakfast and supper 7 days a week and are accountable to a “dorm mom” and a “dorm dad” who live with them on their separate floors each of which are locked every night for security.

Starter kit cost for each of the dorm students is about \$130 with an ongoing cost of about \$65/month. *MERCY IN ACTION* has never had a sponsorship program for these dorm expenses. Thanks to you partners enough dormitory designated monies come in to cover the costs. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for keeping these kids safe and changing their precious lives forever!

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY

In the late nineties we were introduced to East Africa bush ministry by Mike and Marigold Cheshier with Firewind Ministries. Their ministry took us to unreached areas in Maasia lands where they set-up camps from which we all preached the gospel in surrounding villages, bomas, schools and even under trees. Every camp was different, yet much the same. Tents were set-up, the camp kitchen was built around a fire pit and a cho (outhouse) was somehow enclosed and made private around a large hole in the ground. This bush ministry has been a big part of our lives for the last 23 years.



Maasai Village market ministry



Maasai primary school ministry. Bibles are always a part of school ministry.



Typical Camp Kitchen



Another camp kitchen under a tree



Our Bush Ministry "Home Sweet Homes"

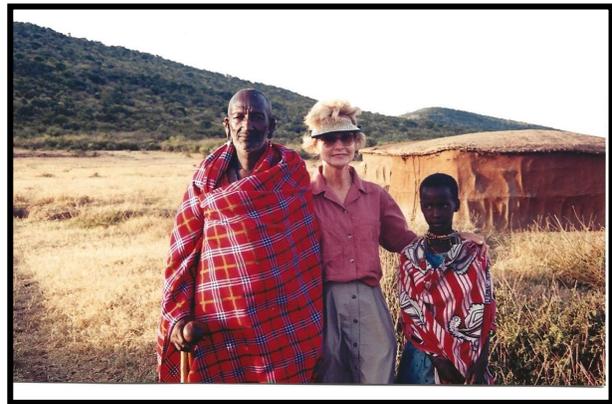
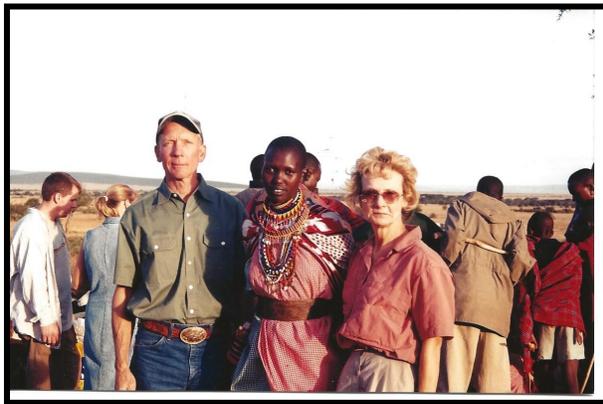




**Camp Cho
(outhouse)**



Fire pit heating water for bathing.



Thanks again to all you partners who are helping to change lives forever. As always, we and all our team members pay 100% of our travel expenses so your dollar goes to the ministry.

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