



MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

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Missions Trip
KENYA, AFRICA

Dear Partners,

We've all heard the old saying "If you talk the talk, you should walk the walk". As followers of Jesus, the scriptures have a lot to say about our daily walk. Here is what the English word "walk" means when translated from the Greek new testament verb:

- ♦ *To live and exhibit moral excellence.*
- ♦ *To conform to all commanded scriptural obligations such as:*

Gal. 5:16 "walk in the Holy Spirit" (do this one first, the rest will come easy)

Eph. 5:2 "walk in love"

II Cor. 5:7 "walk by faith"

Eph. 2:10 "walk in good works"

Col. 1:10 "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord"

Rom. 6:4 "walk in newness of life"

We understand that these scriptural walks can never make us right with God. Only grace through faith in what Jesus bought and paid for at Calvary by His death, burial and resurrection can cause a person to be saved and born again!

We do however walk the walks because Jesus said in **John 14:15: "If you love me you will keep my commandments"**. So it's our way of expressing our love for Him and besides **"His commandments are not burdensome"**, **I Jn 5:3**. He simply wants the very best for us and for His kingdom. I'm sure we all feel blessed beyond our understanding that the Lord would allow us to be a part of what He is doing in people's lives around the world such as:

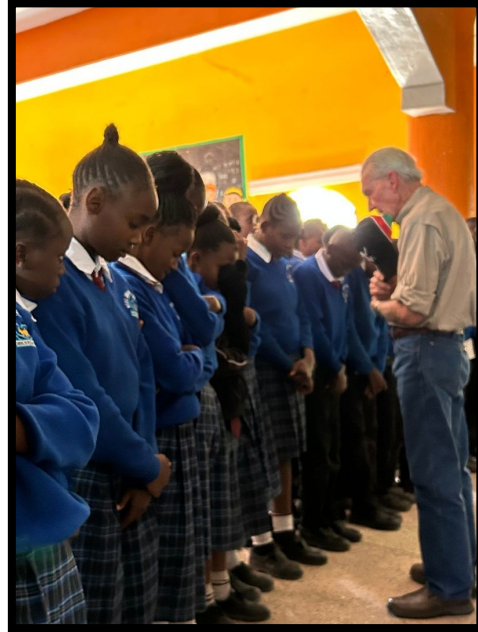
MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

What a blessing it is to be able to come to the Mathare Child Development Centre (MCDC) located in the heart of the Mathare Valley slum near Nairobi and interface with the 800 or so street kids that are students of this ministry project, pre-K thru 12th grade.

"Mercy in Action" (MIA) board member, Lori Loomis, brought with her 6 other team members on this trip, one of which was Emily Reiter. While at MCDC we arranged for two different student assemblies. One with all Jr. High kids in classes 7-8-9 and one with all Sr. High kids in classes 10-11-12. Emily preached the gospel to each assembly, then asked me to speak and have an altar call for each group. Emily and I did our parts and then the Holy Spirit began to draw, convict and work the miraculous as only He can do and as a result many new names were written in the Lambs' Book of Life! It's all about Jesus.



These are the High School kids that came forward to pray the prayer of salvation and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!



These are the Jr. High kids that responded to the call by coming forward and praying the prayer of salvation.

According to **Lk. 15:10, the angels in heaven were rejoicing!**



Here we are addressing the 7-8-9th grade students who make up the new Jr. High school. Notice their new uniforms!



Here is Ruby speaking to the 6th grade class at the Dandora campus. She's got their attention!



This is Francis, a graduate of MCDC whose average grades didn't qualify him for our college scholarship program so he took a job in the kitchen at MCDC. His dream was to become a mechanical engineer and he never gave up on that dream. We were told about him and called him in to talk. We saw his maturity and hope and decided to give him a chance to prove himself. *Mercy In Action* is paying for his first semester of college at Nairobi University. We're counting on him to do his part and fulfill his God-given destiny. Pray for him!

This is Caroline who also graduated MCDC. She qualified for a *MIA* college scholarship and has already completed 18 hours. All Kenya government grants have stopped but her grades are so good that the college itself is giving her a 40% reduction in her college fees. *Mercy In Action* scholarship program pays for her room and board and the 60% balance of her fee. We also gave her \$300 to purchase a new laptop to meet her next college class requirements.



You partners of *Mercy in Action* are a part of all the above!

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



The nationwide floods that covered most of Kenya in the summer of 2024 hit the bush camp where we stay and where we store bibles for our Maasai ministry. The result was the loss of many new bibles.

The first part of Jan. 2025 we were able to purchase 2000 "Good News" bibles for our bush ministry. These bibles (100 boxes of 20 bibles each) are seen here ready to be stored for future use in Maasai schools and churches.

The Word of God has always been a major part of *MIA* ministry! Thank you partners for your help.



For those who may not know, this picture shows where the 40 Maasai girls sleep at the “Ruth Hoke” boarding school near the Namlok Enkare camp. This ministry project was built by *Mercy In Action* and opened in July 2021. This school is Christ centered and is Kenya accredited for Maasai girls ages 8-13 and is purposed to shield them from the traditional Maasai ritual of female circumcision we call FGM.

Partner income is now such that we are able to add 10 more girls to the program which brings the total number of girls up to 50. Five more bunk beds will be added and placed down the middle of this room for the 10 new girls.

God is allowing *Mercy In Action*, along with all of you partners, to change the lives of countless individuals in Kenya, East Africa and several other countries around the world.

And as always, we along with all our team members pay 100% of our travel expenses so your dollar goes to the ministry. This keeps *MIA* overhead around 2%.

In Him,

Bob and Ruby Nell

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