



MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

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KENYA, AFRICA

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And MIA Team

Dear Partners,

Wow, what a ride the last four months in America has been! Kenya also shut down everything about the middle of March including all schools, the airport, churches, etc. Much like in America only enforcement there is much worse but, thank God the Mercy In Action ministry continues both in Mathare Valley and in the bush. You partners have demonstrated your love and commitment by continuing to meet the ongoing needs of the street kids at Mathare Child Development Centre and those of the Maasai in the bush.

Even though we were not able to travel to Kenya this summer we can show you how the ministries that you partners finance continue to meet the needs of the Kenyan people both young and old.

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

In mid-March the MCDC school had to close and all 850 students had to leave the property including all the dormitory kids. Students with no place to go were taken into homes of staff and church families. A feeding program for the kids has been allowed to continue so each Monday and Thursday 380-450 individuals come to the Dondora Campus with masks on to pick up a box or a bag with several days of uncooked food for them and their families. They then exit the back gate. MIA has sent extra money to enlarge this feeding ministry so as to include many of the needy adults in this part of the slum. Clean MCDC well water is also being made available to local residents who have no water. No virus has been reported in the MCDC staff or student body. PTL!

Talk is that schools will re-open in Jan. 2021 and that this year's grades will be repeated in their entirety. Time will tell. In addition to the feeding ministry all MCDC staff have, and will, continue to receive their full salaries to provide for themselves and their families. You partners are making it all happen.



Last spring's floods destroyed a large section of the wall around the Dondura Campus. This has now been fully rebuilt and restored to protect the campus property. Security guards are still on duty 24/7.



Boxes of food being handed out to MCDC students and their families.



Teachers and staff all participate in the food distribution.



Money for masks for all the students and staff was provided for by the New Hope Community church in Jefferson, Ohio. A big thank you to Lori Loomis and all who participated in this love offering. They are a must for anyone to come pick up food or water.

Info only:

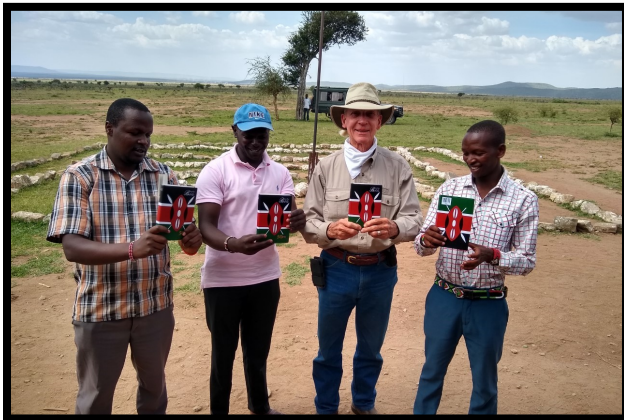
Kenya government has already posted some requirements for re-opening schools.

- 1) All staff must be tested for COVID at a cost of \$50 each.**
- 2) 20 thermometers are going to be used daily @ \$70 each.**
- 3) Classes will be limited to 15-20 students therefore there will be a need for more teachers.**
- 4) Students in different grades may have to go in shifts.**
- 5) Students must have 2-3 masks each.**
- 6) Dormitory kids must social distance—one child to a set of bunk beds.**

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



Over the years MIA has purchased and given out thousands of bibles to Maasai school children and to churches in the bush.



All our bibles also have been made available to Firewind Ministries' teams as another way of getting the Word of God into the hands of those seeking how to live for Him. The spreading of the "gospel" by the church of the Lord Jesus can take on many different faces and is many times accomplished by team efforts of different ministries irregardless of who gets the credit.

Mercy in Action's newest building project is the construction of a Maasai girls' boarding school designed to accommodate up to 100 girls. The project's purpose is to rescue and save girls from the traditional Maasai FGM (circumcision). In addition they will receive a Kenya accredited schooling and, of course, will be introduced to the Lord Jesus as the "Way, the Truth and the Life".



This is the first of several buildings to be constructed. This particular building is a 40' x 60' dormitory, kitchen and dining hall and will be accompanied by future classrooms, teachers quarters, bathrooms and showers. This project alone will change the lives of many young Maasai girls forever both physically and spiritually.



**Thank you, partners, for touching these many lives for Jesus.
In Him,**

Bob and Ruby Nell

**NOTE: MIA Facebook link is: <https://www.facebook.com/mercyinactioninternational>
MIA Website: <https://www.MercyInActionIntl.org>**

**NOTE: Bob and Ruby's new mailing address is:
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We are booked to return to Kenya next Jan/Feb. 2021.

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