



MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

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Ministry Report
KENYA, AFRICA

Dear Partners,

SPECIAL REPORT—KENYA FLOODS AND PROTESTS

The continent of Africa is right at three times the size of the USA. The country of Kenya is a little smaller than Texas. The South half of Kenya, where most of *Mercy in Action* ministry takes place, gets about 20 inches of rain per year. Not the case this year. Beginning last April, the rains started and before it was all said and done, 100 year rains for many weeks flooded most of the country including much of Nairobi. Hundreds of Kenyans lost their lives and thousands of homes were flooded.

The flooding closed most major highways and railroads which created severe shortages of food in Nairobi. As a result, food prices went through the ceiling. The Kenya government ordered all schools to be closed as they deemed it to be too dangerous for children who had to walk to school. This resulted in a 6 week closure of at the Mathare Child Development Centre (MCDC) school located in the Mathare Valley slum of Nairobi.

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)

Currently, the MCDC school has a total enrollment of about 700 kids grades K-12. About 95 of these children, who are very high risk, live in dormitories on campus. 55 boys and 40 girls. MCDC also has a total staff of about 60, mostly teachers. They all typically get two meals a day so that's over 1400 meals per day plus some on Saturdays.



Boys' Dormitory Flooded

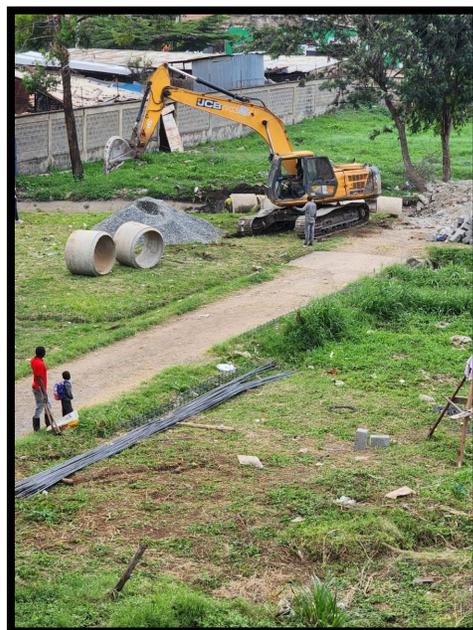


Front Campus under water.

Various major campus repairs that are in progress are shown on the next page.

I say all that to say this; not only were the children out of school, they went without their daily school meals for almost 6 weeks. I can only imagine how hungry most of them were and at the same time fighting the rains and the flooding taking place in the slum itself over this 6 week period. But God—along with many of you partners who stepped up to the plate with special donations to help with increased food costs and flood damage repairs after the water receded has been a game changer. Finally the school was allowed to re-open with all existing students and staff present. They also took in about 50 new children, whose houses were completely swept away by the flood waters in the slum. They had no where to stay or sleep and no food. Once again MCDC became a refuge centre for hurting and needy children.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all you partners who are helping to protect, feed and school these precious young lives.





Now, as if the rains and flooding weren't enough, about the middle of June an ongoing country wide protest against the Kenyan government turned extremely violent. The people were expressing outrage against a new proposed tax increase.

The riots resulted in the police firing live ammo into crowds. Many dead and many wounded and many government buildings set on fire.

Once again all schools were shut down by the government. As of July 1st they are still not open. Please pray they can re-open quickly. Pray also for the children and staff's safety during this ongoing attack of the powers of darkness.

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY

The bush areas in Maasai land where we do MIA ministry also saw devastating flooding with many Maasai homes and churches flooded. As far as we know, no Maasai lives were lost.

The Namelok bush camp, which we call home for much of our time in Kenya, also flooded. *Mercy in Action* had about 1500 bibles in a storage container that flooded. Hundreds of bibles were ruined and hundreds more were molded and swollen by the humidity. Some may dry out and be usable but some won't.

Only time will tell. These will need to be replaced as bible distribution has always been a major part of the MIA ministry.



Bibles drying



Camp under water



Thank God the Maasai girls' school stayed high and dry. The only problem was getting enough food into the school for the girls and the staff.



All of the 40 girls along with the staff stayed at the school during the rains and flooding.

Thank you and bless you partners of *Mercy In Action* for helping us to share the love of Christ in some very dark corners of Kenya, East Africa.

As always, we and all team members pay for 100% of all our travel expenses so your dollar goes to the ministry.

In Him,

Bob and Ruby Nell

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