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Dear Partners,

Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke

It's my pleasure to introduce to you a product of your own faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ thru MIA. Here in his own words is Huqa Hassan who was raised a Muslim but is now a follower of Jesus and is called Joseph:

My name is Joseph Huqa Hussan, a beneficiary of Mathare Child Development Centre in Nairobi Kenya. I joined MCDC in 2006 in class 6 when my mum could no longer afford to pay for me in my previous school.

Joining MCDC was one of the best things that ever happened to me. Mama Jane received me like one of her own and I felt at home, my stay at MCDC got me focused on my studies as I got both breakfast and lunch at school so I did not have to go home to Mathare slum .

In the year 2008, I sat for my national exam and I appeared top student in my region.

After finishing at MCDC high school in 2012 I sat for my national exam and I performed well and earned a place at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology for a course in Bachelor of Science in Statistics.

In year 2013, I joined the university with the help of assistance from my mum, pastor and a loan from student government fund. I successfully finished my first year in campus.

My second year had so many challenges from a lack of school fees and upkeep. It was then I opted to call off the academic year because twice I missed exams due to fee balance. Life on campus with little or no support could sometimes drag one back to where one does not want to go, like crime and drugs. But for me I had Jesus, He was with me even at that time. Four months after leaving school I got a job with Planet Yogurt, I work hard saving some money for my school fees, I am required to resume my classes this year in September, my savings are enough to pay for a whole semester, I will be in my third year first semester.



One morning of February 2017 Mama Jane called me to attend a ceremony that will be held at Bob and Ruby Hoke centre Dandora, this call renewed my hope. On the day of the ceremony I met both Uncle Bob and Auntie Ruby and a couple of guests with them. In an interview Uncle Bob requested me to tell them my story, while narrating my story I could not stop myself from breaking into tears because until this point no one out there bothered to know my story. Several times I went to my relatives for assistance but I got rejected because I was not a Muslim like them. I thank God for Auntie Ruby, her words at that moment brought about healing in me and I felt not all alone in all these.

Thank you Uncle Bob and Auntie Ruby and the team of Mathare Child Development Centre for being a blessing to us. Today society is accepting us because of your good works because we are no longer who we used to be.

MATHARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MCDC)



In the Dec. 2016 year end letter we asked that partners of MIA consider helping us to honor and encourage all members of the staff (about 65) at Mathare Child Development Centre (MCDC) by supplying them with white staff coats. The money came in, the coats were ordered and Lori Loomis and her team made the presentation of the coats to each member of the staff. Lots and lots of smiles!



The boys' dormitory has rooms for two age groups. These are some of the younger boys. All are either high risk or orphans.



It's not often that we combine both campus' of 900-1000 kids together in one room but here they are in the chapel at the Dandora campus. This was a party day for the kids and staff celebrating 22 years for MCDC. Lori Loomis and her 5 teammates were with us for the celebration.



This Muslim lady and her 4 year old son just dropped in one day while we were there and asked if she could tell us about her miracle from Jesus. She said that 4 months ago she was lying in bed dying and that Jesus Christ Himself appeared to her. He told her who He was and that He had died so that she could live! She said I believed Him and was completely healed! She then said I'm now a follower of Jesus and I would like for my son to learn about Him also but I need help myself before I can teach him. Can you help me? We said, Yes!



These are some of the high school girls who love to get down with their Auntie Ruby!

MAASAI BUSH MINISTRY



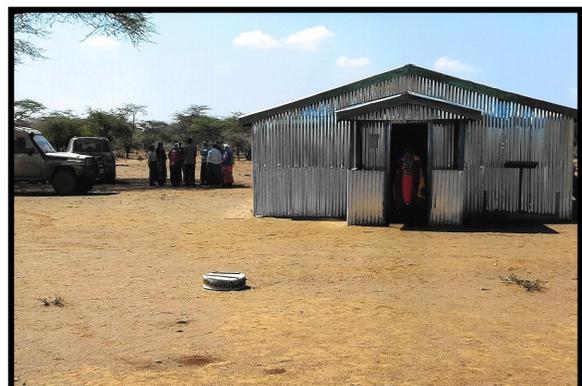
This is Marigold Cheshier's team of ladies who helped her do 3 different all day Maasai women's conferences in 3 different locations. The first was less than an hour away. The second was 2 hours away and the third was 3 1/2 hours away. All travel times are one way and all on dirt roads. The first two packed the churches out. The third one had over 200 women and they all marched out of the church to a huge tree where they cleared the ground of thorns and brush, set up the PA system and generator and then several of the team taught on Jesus. Ruby was one of the speakers and did God ever move! The anointing of the Holy Spirit was powerful!



Maasai camp workers at NAMELOK Camp. All are born again followers of Jesus.



Ruby and I in front of a newly built Maasai church in the bush at Mosiro.



These are two different Maasai churches, both typical of the ones now being constructed all over Maasai land. The Maasai are in a revival! We need more churches.



We were blessed to be able to pick up our order for 500 youth bibles and 500 adult bibles. 200 of the youth bibles went to MCDC. All the rest we took to NAMELOK Camp to be used in bush ministry at Maasai schools and churches.

Once again it was another wonderful trip of ministry. We are so thankful to the Lord for allowing us (and each of you) to be a part of what He is doing in the lives of Kenyans both young and old.

As always, Ruby and I pay for all our travel expenses so your dollar goes to the Lord's work.

In Him,

Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke

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