



# Alamo City Mercy Foundation

## December 2007 Newsletter

### A Word from ACMF Chairman of the Board Dr. David C. Walker

There is one particular "Billy Hobbs Story" that I have been reliving recently, especially in the light of the amazing progress of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope" project in Kitengela, Kenya.

I was Billy's pastor at the time, and he was the Minister of Evangelism on our church staff. As would happen regularly in those days, very troubled and deeply wounded folks would often show up at our offices in the middle of the week without any warning, needing help. Most of the time it was money or food or shelter they were hoping to get from us, but more than anything else what they needed most, but didn't know it, was the power of the Living Jesus to heal their broken hearts, forgive them and set them free!!

Time and time again, in one encounter after another, Billy would tirelessly take them on, doing his best to meet what physical needs he could, but always would end up trying to lead them into the love and power of Christ. On one occasion, after what apparently had turned into a face to face showdown with the forces of darkness ravaging a young man's life, I asked Billy, "Why do you like doing this so much?! Doesn't it wear you out after a while?!" He looked back at me, with that huge toothy linebacker grin and said, "I just love seeing Jesus win!"

Billy would absolutely love what's happening with the orphanage, and somehow I believe he knows more of what's going on than we can imagine! Jesus is winning in Kitengela!!



We are now, thanks to your prayers and generous gifts, 60 days away from being able to receive our first group of 36 orphans, ages 3 to 7, in the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope"! Called "children of the dirt" and orphaned by AIDS, they are perhaps the most pitiful and most helpless of all the little ones on earth!

As you consider your year-end giving to the cause of Christ around the world, would you prayerfully remember the Hobbs House of Hope and the "children of the dirt" it exists to rescue and raise for Jesus' sake?

Could you help us warm them with a blanket, bless them with a breakfast, cover them with a roof, and shield them with walls? No gift is too small to help, and none too large to be wasted.

Your brother in Christ,  
Dr. David Walker  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Alamo City Mercy Foundation

### Cost Needed to Complete Phase 1 of "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope"

#### Construction:

Emma Leffall Dormitory: **\$7,082**

Phil Adams Administration Building: **\$14,931**

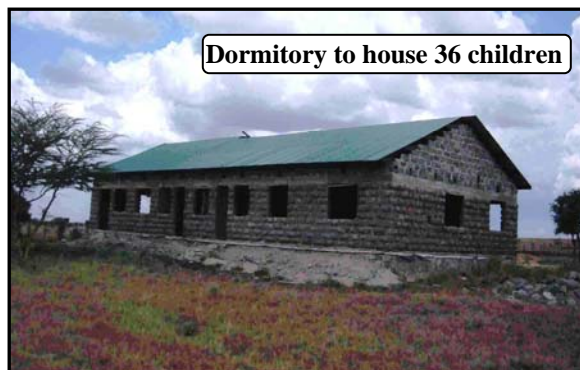
**Electrical, Plumbing, Septic Tank and  
Sewer line for both buildings: \$33,498**

**Furniture, Utensils, Cookers: \$28,846**

**One-time cost per child for supplies: \$249**  
(bed, mattress, blanket, desk, chair, uniform)

**Cost to feed 1 child a day: \$3**

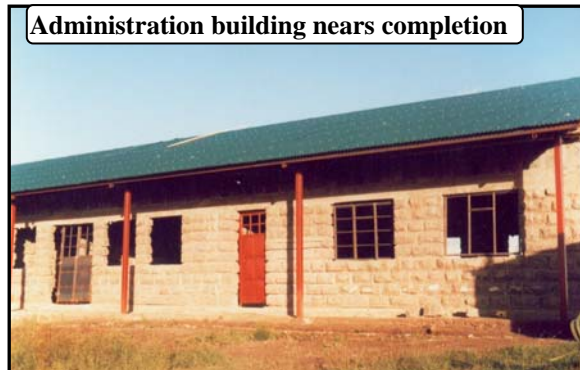
**Knowing you have a part: Priceless!**



Dormitory to house 36 children



Chicken houses will produce income



Administration building nears completion

# LIFE Outreach, Intl. Provides Water Well for "House of Hope"

*"When the poor and needy search for water and there is none, and their tongues are parched from thirst, then I, the LORD, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will never forsake them." -Isaiah 41:7*

As previously reported, the progress on the hand dug water well on the property of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope" was halted due to an impenetrable rock. Prayers were lifted up to God asking Him to break the rock and allow not just physical water to flow, but more importantly, *"living water"--the gospel of Jesus Christ--which alone satisfies the deepest thirst.* Thanks to your prayers and the favor of the Lord, something miraculous happened!

**LIFE Outreach Intl.** ([www.lifetoday.org](http://www.lifetoday.org)), a Dallas based ministry which sponsors the drilling of water wells around the world, received word of our predicament. Numerous correspondences between LIFE Outreach and **Living Water International** ([www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc)), the ministry which does the actual drilling, took place discussing the possibility of drilling a bore hole on the House of Hope property in Kenya.

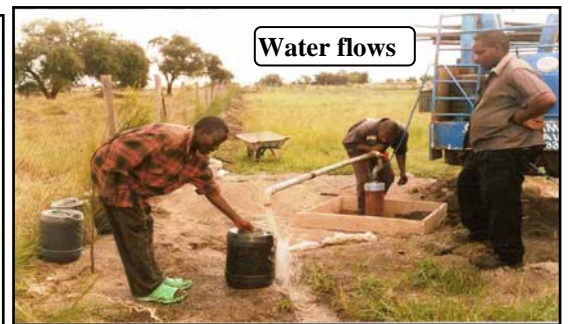
As a result of these correspondences LIFE Outreach agreed to contract with Living Water to drill a 400 ft water well. This whole project came to a grand total of \$45,000, all of which was paid for by LIFE Outreach at no cost to the Mercy Foundation. This well will provide clean drinking water, not only for the orphanage, but for over 2500 people in the surrounding community!



**Drilling truck arrives on property**



**Water is struck!**



**Water flows**



**Finished Pump**



**Shared with Community**

There's more to this story! James Robison, who is the head of LIFE Outreach, is the man who led Billy Hobbs to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in 1979. When LOI considered providing a water well for the Hobbs House of Hope, they were not aware of this connection. This is further evidence of God's amazing plan! Just think-- clean drinking water for the African orphanage built in memory of Billy Hobbs is being provided by the ministry of the man who led Billy to the Lord! How great is our God!

## Can We Email You?

Throughout the year we confront problems and face issues for which we would like your prayer support. But perhaps more importantly, we would like to share the profound joy and good news your support has helped create when blessings occur. Waiting for the next newsletter seems so far away at times! These are the real rewards and joys of giving that belong to each of you and it would bless us to be able to share with you when we experience them. Please provide us with your email address so we can ask for your prayers and share these joys. If you are interested in receiving these updates, please send your email address to [kristih@alamocity.org](mailto:kristih@alamocity.org), and type "ACMF add" on the subject line.

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