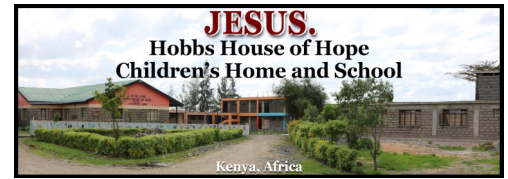




ALAMO CITY MERCY FOUNDATION DECEMBER 2017



2017: A YEAR OF GREAT PROVISION

ACMF REACHES GOAL — HOUSE OF HOPE IS SELF-SUSTAINED!

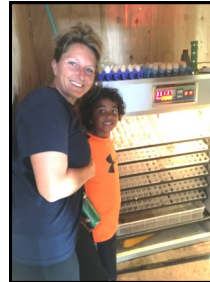
Thanks to the generosity of ACMF Donors, two major items were purchased this year that have enabled us to reach our goal for JHHH's self-sufficiency. The first was an irrigation system that was installed on our two-acre farm. Since the installation of the irrigation pipes in July, our produce output has quadrupled! As a result of this abundant harvest, we are not only growing cabbage, corn, bananas, tomatoes, kale, carrots, potatoes etc. for our children to consume, but are also selling these fruits and vegetables to our local community for profit! (See picture of a neighbor woman buying produce below.)

The second item purchased was a chicken incubator. This is a major blessing because the incubator triples our production time in hatching chicks. This venture can be highly profitable as there is a big demand for chickens. Some of the chickens and eggs we keep for feeding our children, but the majority are being sold for a profit. All funds generated from these two viable projects go directly into sustaining the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Children's Home!

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A WORD FROM ACMF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, RUBEN FECHNER III

"A NEW SEASON, A NEW FOCUS"

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1

In 2005, the Lord laid on Kristi's heart and subsequently, confirmed in our collective hearts to establish an orphanage in Kenya, Africa. This direction was a continuation of what God had started in the heart of Billy and Kristi Hobbs for the orphaned children in Kenya. As the Board of the Mercy Foundation, our focus was for the ongoing spiritual, mental, and physical welfare of the children. As a result, it has always been our intent for ACMF to raise the funds necessary to enable the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Children's Home to be financially self-sustaining. This goal has now been reached!

Through God's faithfulness, your prayers, and your generous donations over these past 12 years, we have been able to raise well over \$800,000 in capital funding. These funds were used for land, buildings, vehicles, furniture, equipment, and self-sustaining capabilities. Now that JHHH has been provided all things necessary for self-sufficiency, we are prepared for a new season of focus. Instead of expending the majority of our effort on capital campaigning, the Mercy Foundation will turn its focus in Kenya to the place it began ... the children.

As of January 2018, the involvement of ACMF with JHHH will be to support the needs of our children. We will focus primarily on the welfare and growth of our children, and relinquish all financial management, oversight and development to our African Directors, Peter and Jemimah Njao.

We wish to thank each one of you who have given so generously, and ushered us into this new season of fundraising for the children! We, too, are so very grateful for how the Lord has moved so greatly through Kristi and for her continued faithfulness to His calling in this new season.

PRAISE THE LORD!

GIRL'S DORMITORY CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE

\$167,500 PAID IN FULL!



Thank you to all who gave so generously to see this project to completion!

VISION BECOMES REALITY ... NEW PLAYGROUND AT JHHH



"Back in June when I was in Africa, praying under an acacia tree behind the boys dorm at the House of Hope, God gave me a vision. I 'saw' our children playing on swing sets and slides and see-saws, but the problem was that we didn't have a playground..."

That is what was written in the September newsletter. I'm happy to announce the Vision is now Reality! As a result of donations from friends through a Facebook Fundraiser we now have a playground, (and soon will have a soccer field) that the children are enjoying! My friend, Catherine Reyna, and I were there at JHHH last month and had the joy of watching the children play on their new equipment. Their laughter and smiles were contagious! Even the high school kids LOVED the swing set and especially the seesaw. My highlight was swinging with little Billy!



Personal Word from Kristi Hobbs ... A New Thing

"Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19

Even when writing these words, "a new thing," there is an uncertainty as to what the 'new' is for me. But for the past several months, God has been clearly speaking this Isaiah 43 verse to my heart. Time and again He has confirmed this word through a number of circumstances, particularly where the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope is concerned.

Now that JHHH is self-sustained, there will be a paradigm shift in my responsibilities as Executive Director of the Mercy Foundation; no longer will I be actively fundraising for capital items, which was a large part of what I did. Back in June, when I questioned what benefit I could be to ACMF now that this chapter is closed, Advisory Board member, Sammy Tippit's answer was, "fundraise for the children!" My heart leapt when he said that even though I wasn't sure what that would look like. But God confirmed Sammy's words when just one week later, when I flew to Africa, He gave me the vision of the playground mentioned above. And the fundraising for the children began!

I still don't know the full scope of what is next, but I'm so grateful that the God I serve is a God who is sovereign, who knows the end from the beginning and who is not surprised when things shift or change, in fact He is the Author of it! And because of this truth, there is not only a peace regarding 'the new', but an incredible excitement!

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