



ALAMO CITY MERCY FOUNDATION MAY 2016



JHHH GRADUATES EARN HIGHEST RANKINGS IN THE NATION

2015 KCPE RESULTS									
417 MARKS VALERIAN R. ACHIENG County, Kajiado	408 MARKS LEONIDAH MORAA County, Kajiado	400 MARKS BRIGHT ACHIENG County, Kajiado	390 MARKS GABRIEL OTIENO County, Kajiado	388 MARKS BRIAN NJOROGE County, Kajiado					
379 MARKS SONIA M. MONGARI County, Kajiado	374 MARKS FAITH TIPOPO County, Kajiado	367 MARKS JANE K. ACHIENG County, Kajiado	350 MARKS MARK C. MWANGI County, Kajiado	349 MARKS JOHN J. AKWABI County, Kajiado					

Every eighth grade student in Kenya is required to take an exit exam -- a standardized test used to qualify for admission into higher education. It is called the KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education). This exam is equivalent to our SAT. A perfect score is 500 (like our 2400 on the SAT). If a student scores 350 and above, they are eligible for admittance into much desired Government Schools. A 400 and above, assures entrance into the most prestigious schools in the country (likened to the Yales and Harvards in the US).

JHHH had twelve graduating students take the exam this year. Nine out of the twelve scored 350 and above and have been accepted to prominent schools. This year 937,467 eighth graders sat for the exam. Out of those nearly one million students, only 7,560 scored

400 and above, which is less than 1%. Three out of our twelve eighth graders scored above 400 (equivalent to a 1920 to 2002 on the SAT). Those three JHHH students are in the top .08% in the whole nation of Kenya!

The motto of the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope School is "Quality Education for Quality Life." Our desire is not only to educate our students, but to do so at the highest level possible for the purpose of ensuring a bright future. Our vision is that these children will grow up to make a positive difference in their country and become the future leaders of Kenya. We are very proud of our students, most of whom were rescued from dire circumstances, and are now excelling on the highest academic level! We are also grateful for our wonderful faculty and staff.

PHASE 1 (FOUNDATION) OF NEW DORM IS PAID IN FULL!

Substructure (Foundation): \$65,034 PAID IN FULL!

Preliminaries, Fees & Labor: \$10,239 PAID IN FULL!
(installment one of three)

PHASE 2 BALANCE NEEDED: \$51,262
(Breakdown below)

R.C. Superstructure: \$24,906
Columns, beams, steel, suspended slab)

Walling: \$6,017

Electrical Works: \$4,832

Plumbing and Drainage: \$6,603

Preliminaries, Fees & Labor: \$8,904
(installment two of three)

We are currently building a new dorm which will house 80 more children. This added space will allow us to accommodate fee-paying boarding students. These boarding fees will help us achieve our goal of becoming self-sustained!

The total cost of constructing the 3,337sqft ground floor is \$167,500. We are grateful for our generous supporters who have donated \$75,273 thus far. If you feel led to give towards Phase 2, please mail a check to the address on back or donate online at www.JHHH.org (designate 'Dorm'). All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your gifts and prayers!



DORMITORY FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION

We are Pleased to Announce the Launch of our New Website www.JHHH.org



Although we still have the Alamo City Mercy Foundation website, we felt it necessary to build a site specifically for JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope. This site will provide up to date information as it pertains to the children and the needs at JHHH.

We look forward to sharing the blessings God provides through you, as He does with regularity! Thank you to Catherine Reyna for donating her time and expertise in web design.



AGGIE FRIENDS VISIT JHHH



On March 15, JHHH was blessed to host friends of the Hobbs', Bill and Betty Swann and Paul and Sherrye Guggenheim. They spent the day touring the property and meeting the children. (They even brought an A&M shirt for Peter!) Kristi had planned to meet them there, but was unable to make it to Africa. (see personal word below) We are grateful for their visit to our 'home.'



Personal word from Kristi Hobbs ... "Hope deferred makes the heart sick." Proverbs 13:12a

On March 7, I was honored to be the speaker at a monthly women's gathering called "Heart to Heart." My message was on "How to have HOPE, in the face of hope deferred." I confidently shared with the women that, in the places of hope deferred (unfulfilled or shattered hopes and dreams), hope can be found by simply focusing on Jesus instead of our circumstances. 'Gaze at God, glance at your circumstance, not vice versa' was the encouragement. **"When times are tough, trust God despite all evidence to the contrary, and hope and peace will fill your heart."** I knew these words to be true because this was my personal experience in the days and months after my husband lost his life in a motorcycle accident. But little did I know, as I was set to travel to Kenya with my friend, Sharon, less than a week after sharing this message, that I would be freshly tested in this area of hope deferred.

The following Facebook posts tell the story in a nutshell...

March 11: Oh my goodness! We're missing our connection to London due to mechanical problems. That puts us back a whole day which makes the already short trip to JHHH even shorter. ☹️ Plus we may have a passport issue in London that might deny entry into Kenya. PLEASE PRAY!! Thankfully we know God is Sovereign so there must be a reason. #stillsmiling

March 13: After 2 days of flight delays, resulting in missed connections, resulting in hours discussing options with AA ticket counter, calls to Peter in Africa, and many tears, we're not going to Kenya. #nevermadeitpastDallas #headinghomeheartbroken

I would love to report that I passed this test with flying colors, that in the middle of this hope deferred, I focused on God and not on the circumstance. I wish I could tell you I had a heart of trust that He is Sovereign and knows best. But instead, I stood in the airport frustrated and in tears, drowning in my shattered hopes and dreams.

I wanted to do what I knew worked, but I could not, or worse, would not. It was one of those Romans 7:15 moments "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. Oh wretched woman that I am." Sigh!

The good news is this, despite what we do or do not do, God is still compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. He IS sovereign and does know best.

The rest of Proverbs 13:12 says "... but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." I hope to share 'the rest of the story' in the next newsletter. In the meantime, Lord willing, I will go to Africa for a month in July/August. A longing fulfilled!

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