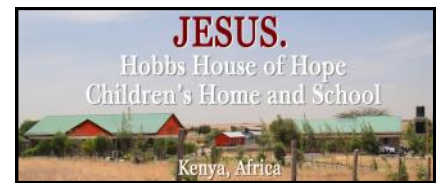




## ALAMO CITY MERCY FOUNDATION DECEMBER 2012



### J.HHH 2013 CALENDARS ARE HERE! GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS

These beautiful calendars feature the faces and stories of the children who make their home at the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope. We have printed the calendars to raise funds for our school, with ALL proceeds going towards its construction. The pictures below are a sample of what you'll find in the calendar. They cost just \$10 each. If you would like to place an order, simply mail a check to address on back (designate 'calendar'), or you can also order on our website [www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org](http://www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org) by clicking on 'Donate Now' button, and following the prompts. Once we receive your order and payment, we will promptly mail the calendar(s) to you. Thank you for your contribution. May you have a blessed Merry Christmas!

## 2012: THE YEAR IN PICTURES



# COST NEEDED TO COMPLETE STAGE 1 OF JESUS. HOBBS HOUSE OF HOPE SCHOOL

## Foundation:

Initial estimate at 3 ft. deep: ~~\$47,390~~ PAID IN FULL!

Revised cost at 10 ft. deep: ~~\$14,645~~ PAID IN FULL!

## **STAGE 1— REINFORCED CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR 2 CLASSROOMS: \$10,961** (See breakdown below)

### Walling — TOTAL: \$2,898

### Columns — TOTAL: \$1,344

Steel reinforcement	\$624
Timber	\$232
Concreting	\$488

### 1No. Stairs + landings — TOTAL: \$1,269

Steel reinforcement	\$590
Timber	\$240
Concreting	\$439

### Formwork: Timber shutter & support props — TOTAL: \$1,712

Beams	\$641
Suspended slab	\$1,071

### Beams — TOTAL: \$2,861

Steel reinforcement	\$1,771
Concreting	\$1,090

### Electrical works (conduit only) — TOTAL: \$877



*We would ask you to once again pray and give as the Lord leads. Please designate your tax-deductible contribution 'school building.' Thank you so much for giving 'unto the least of these.' Bless you!*

## **Personal word from Kristi Hobbs... What's in a Name?**

*Billy Hobbs and I made our first trip to Africa in February of 2003 with Sammy Tippit Ministries. It was then that we were introduced to a Kenyan couple who would serve as our guides, taking us to our ministry assignments each day. Whether it was to hospitals, or schools, or mental institutions, or churches, this couple led us as we presented Jesus throughout Nairobi. During those two weeks God knitted our four hearts together in a way that was unexplainable. After the first week, this couple told us that they wanted to give us African names, but since this is something of great significance they first wanted to pray about what to name us. The night before we left they presented us with this special gift. To Billy, they gave the name 'NJAMBA' which they explained was a heroic name meaning 'Warrior, Strong One.' I nodded in agreement with this obviously befitting name for my husband. They then turned to me and announced my name, 'MUMBI', which means, 'Creator, Giver of Life, Mother of Many.' I received it gratefully, but in my heart I was disappointed because first of all, I don't consider myself creative, and secondly, Billy and I had been married 14 years and had no children, so 'Creator, Giver of Life and Mother of Many' made no sense at all.*

*Fast forward five years. June of 2008 I stood in Africa on the property that the Mercy Foundation purchased two years earlier as the site of the 'JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope', the children's home established in memory of Billy 'Njamba' Hobbs. As I stood with a microphone at our dedication service surrounded by community leaders and the orphans who would be possible residents of this new home, the Lord reminded me of that day in February 2003 by gently whispering into my spirit, 'MUMBI!' I wept as I realized the significance of that name ... that prophetic name which made no sense five years prior. But on that day, as I looked into those little black, tear-stained faces, I knew beyond a doubt that this was my name and that these were my children. It may not make sense, but although I live half a world away, I feel like I am their mother ... a mother of many.*

*I am forever grateful to that couple for hearing from God and against reason, giving me that name. That couple was Peter and Jemimah Njao, who are the co-visionaries and African Directors of the Hobbs House of Hope Children's Home. God is amazing! I want to thank each of you for the investment you've made into the lives of my kids throughout the years! Merry Christmas.*



Jemimah, Kristi, Billy and Peter 2003



Peter, Jemimah and Kristi with JHHH kids 2012



Mumbi and Njamba 2003

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