



## Alamo City Mercy Foundation April 2008 Newsletter

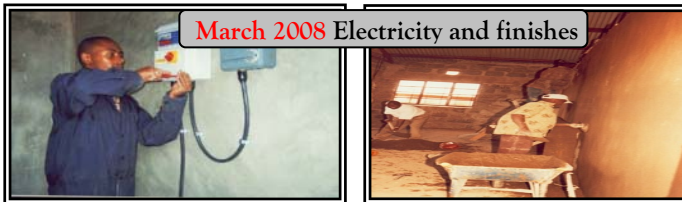
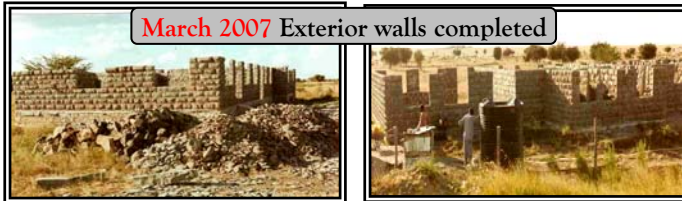


### Ready to Receive Orphans!

Thanks to all of you who have faithfully given to and prayed for the "House of Hope Orphanage" in Kenya. We are truly grateful for God's provision through your support.

In some ways this has been a long four years, and in other ways it has seemed to fly by. The initial vision of establishing an orphanage in memory of Billy Hobbs came soon after his death in August 2004. Now this vision is on the brink of reality, and words simply cannot express the joy and anticipation!

Many of you have been a part of this project from the outset; others have joined us on the road as of late. For those of you who are new on this journey, below is a progression of the project.



**We are now ready to receive our first 36 orphans, ages 3-7.  
How Great is our God! All Glory to Him!!**

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

#### Construction:

Emma Leffall Dormitory: ~~\$59,053~~ **PAID IN FULL!**

Phil Adams Admin. Building: ~~\$50,251~~ **PAID IN FULL!**

#### Electrical, Plumbing, Septic Tank and Sewer:

Dorm and Administration: ~~\$13,397~~ **PAID IN FULL!**

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

**One-time cost per child for supplies: \$249**

(Bed, mattress, blanket, desk, chair, uniform)

**Cost to feed 1 child per month: \$90**

**Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated!**

### ACMF to Take Mission Team to Kenya, Africa June 12-28, 2008

The Mercy Foundation will host its Second Annual Mission Trip June 12-28, 2008.

This group of 20 people consists largely of members from Alamo City Christian Fellowship in San Antonio, Texas. We are blessed to have others from San Marcos, Texas; Amarillo, Texas; Seattle, Washington; and three from Grace Baptist Church in Bowie, Maryland.

The team will help with construction and ministry of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Orphanage."

In addition to constructing rabbit hutches on the *House of Hope* property, we will also conduct medical camps, and basketball clinics throughout Nairobi. Part of our team will minister through dramas in local schools, while still others will speak at conferences and in churches.

We will have opportunity to serve street children hot meals and hand out gifts of clothing and shoes. We will also walk a 12-foot cross through the slums of Nairobi and in the city of Kitengela, sharing the Gospel with hundreds of people who stop to listen to the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Please pray for us as we go "do the work of an evangelist and so fulfill our ministry." 1Timothy 4:5

## From the Heart of Kristi Hobbs... "Tribute to a Friend"

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15*

On February 10 a dear friend, Joe C. Richardson, went to be with the Lord. Joe had been a close friend and second father to my late husband, Billy Hobbs, since 1965 when he recruited Billy to play at Texas A&M for his collegiate football career. Joe remained a dear friend even after Billy's death.

I will never forget Joe walking up to me during Billy's memorial service as I sat on the front row. He leaned over with his 6'7" frame and whispered that he had to slip out to catch a plane back to California, but just wanted me to know that he was there. That is the kind of friend Joe was, flying half-way across the country to memorialize his friend.

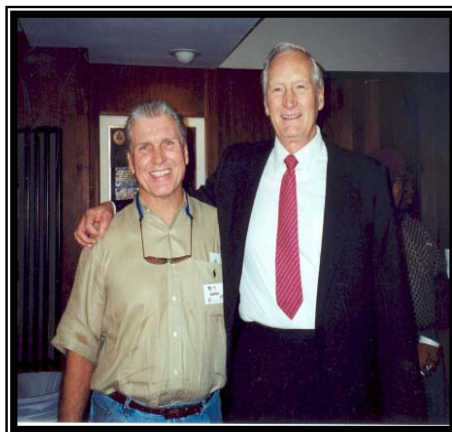
Then a few weeks later I received a call from Joe. He asked me what he could do for me, now that I was a young widow. I remember vividly the conversation. He said, "Billy loved you and I loved Billy, so I want to do something for his wife, Kristi, not for the ministry, but for you personally." I thanked him but told him the Lord was taking care of me, so there was no need. He would not take "no" for an answer. He asked about house payments, etc. I told him that Billy and I had just purchased a new car two months before he died. That's all he needed to hear. The next day I received an email from Joe asking for information about the financial institution that carried our car loan. Joe ended up making my car payments every month for the next two years. Again, that was the kind of friend Joe was.

As the buildings for the "Hobbs House of Hope" orphanage in Kenya, Africa started being constructed; I felt it was only fitting to name one of them after our close friend. When I called Joe to tell him that the Library will be named for him, he first tried to talk me out of it, and then literally wept as he said, "To have my name associated with Billy's is a great honor."

The Joe C. Richardson Library is now completed, ready to help with educating many African orphans!

We love you, Joe. You were a wonderful friend. You will be greatly missed.

----Kristi



Billy Hobbs and Joe Richardson  
at Joe's Induction into the  
Texas A&M Hall of Honor



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