



ALAMO CITY MERCY FOUNDATION SEPTEMBER 2017



GOD USES SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROVIDE PLAY AREAS FOR JHHH!



I'm Donating My Birthday to Alamo City Mercy Foundation

Fundraiser for Alamo City Mercy Foundation by Kristi Tschirhart Hobbs · 🌐

Give the gift of a donation, and help me reach my goal to build a playground for the kids at JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Children's Home, Kenya Africa! (Donations are Tax-deductible) If you'd like further info, visit our website www.JHHH.org

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. I saw the kids running and kicking soccer balls on a wide open field of green grass. This vision came at a time when I was questioning the Lord, and quite frankly myself, regarding my future where JHHH is concerned. (More details will be in the December newsletter's 'Personal Word from Kristi Hobbs.')

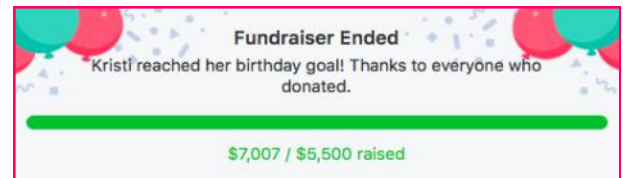
My heart leapt at what I envisioned, but the problem was that we have neither a playground, nor a soccer field, only a plot of ground filled with dirt and rocks. But as I looked at two specific areas on our property, I could just see it! I shared this vision with our Kenyan Directors, Peter and Jemimah Njao. They agreed this would be a blessing to our kids!

Excited, but not knowing what this would cost, (and the fact that we still needed resources to complete the dorm), I planned to wait until the December newsletter to write about this vision and request provision for this playground project. **BUT GOD had a different, unconventional idea for providing the funds!**

On June 26, just five days after I got home from Africa, and two weeks before my birthday, a notice popped up on my phone from FACEBOOK, "Donate Your Birthday for a Cause." It prompted me to select a nonprofit, set a goal amount and enter a custom message asking friends to donate for that cause in honor of my birthday (as shown in upper left). I knew this was confirmation from the Lord regarding the vision He had given! I initially set the goal amount at \$1,500 for just the playground. That goal was met by friends within just three hours! Since there were still two weeks left in the fundraiser, I increased the goal to \$5,500 to include the cost of more playground equipment AND constructing the soccer field!

Not only did friends provide the requested goal of \$5,500 but OVER and ABOVE ... \$1,507 over to be exact! A TOTAL OF \$7,007 was donated by 53 people — in just two weeks! I am so very humbled and absolutely blown away by the generosity of so many friends.

This is truly the BEST BIRTHDAY GIFT I've ever received! Thank you.



SEEMINGLY SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT: HOUSE OF HOPE RECEIVES NEW COMPUTER & PRINTERS

God continues to provide for JHHH in countless ways, this time, through physical donations. **These tangible gifts are a blessing because they translate into moving us one step closer to becoming self-sustained!**

A generous donor gave funds for a new desktop computer and two printers for our JHHH office. The computer and printers don't necessarily generate income, however, they will save us precious time and money.

Things we take for granted here in America are typically not so convenient in Africa. For example, before receiving these gifts, our secretary had to walk from her office in our reception area, across campus and upstairs to our computer lab every time she needed to type up documents. Then she walked one mile to the main road to catch a Matatu (public bus) and ride 10 miles to the nearest town to print the documents. **Now, thanks to these gifts of printers and a computer, we not only have the convenience of typing and printing on site, but the money we will save by printing in house rather than paying a third party printer will be astronomical in the long run!** Thank you all for blessing our Home!



PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE FINAL PHASE OF DORM!

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we are very close to finally completing the construction of our new 120 capacity girls dormitory.

We are pleased to report that \$154,850 out of the total construction cost of \$167,500 has been donated! **That leaves us with the need to raise just \$12,651 for the dorm to be PAID IN FULL!** Please help us reach this final goal which will put an end to our Long-Term Capital Campaigning Projects!

If you would like to help us complete construction, please mail a check to the address below, or donate on our website www.JHHH.org by clicking on the 'Donate Now' button and following the prompts. All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your continued generosity on our behalf!



BALANCE NEEDED FOR FINAL PHASE 5:

External and Internal Finishes: \$5,044

Preliminaries, Fees and Labor: \$7,607

SUMMER 2017 MISSION TRIP REPORT



During the month of June two groups traveled to JHHH, each spending one week with kids and staff. I was so grateful to have my dad, Leo, and step-mom, Liz join me at JHHH during the first week. Dad said that he never imagined, even having heard stories and seen pictures, how wonderful this place was and how smart these children were! And, being a civil engineer by trade, he was also impressed by the building structures! **Having my dad meet 'my kids' was a feeling I cannot express with words. I was brought to tears several times as I watched them interact. My heart was full!**

After my dad and Liz left, I spent four days of R&R at Billy and Darleen Honc's, who live just an hour away from JHHH. It was a nice retreat and fun to catch up with my longtime friends!

The next week we received my cousin's 17 year old daughter, Madeleine Hall, and one of our sponsors, Sarah Kendrick and her son, Jace. These three were such a blessing to JHHH. The kids loved coloring, making bracelets, and braiding hair with Madeleine. (The 3-5 year olds were constantly in her arms!) Sarah and Jace kept the kids busy playing sports. Their sponsored child, Masha, was so happy to have Sarah there for the third time, and to meet his 'brother', Jace, for the first time!

On Sunday, June 18, we were excited to have Billy and Darleen and their mission team of 20 from our home church in San Antonio join us for a day full of FUN! After leading a wonderful church service on our property, the team enjoyed playing soccer, basketball, cards and African games with the JHHH kids.

We are very grateful for all of these who gave of their time and resources to bless our "Home" this summer!



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