



# Alamo City Mercy Foundation June 2011 Newsletter



## 27 PEOPLE FROM FOUR STATES HEADED TO AFRICA TO SERVE AT THE HOUSE OF HOPE—JUNE 18~28

The Mercy Foundation is excited to take 27 people from Texas, Missouri, New Mexico and Tennessee to serve at the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Orphanage. In addition to teaching the children at the House of Hope, the team will also conduct a city-wide medical clinic, feed street children a hot meal, and hand out gifts of clothing and shoes. During their time in Kenya, they will spend a day at Morning Star Children's Home in Nairobi. Morning Star is an orphanage built by Grace Community Church of Amarillo. Grace Church has been a monthly supporter of the Mercy Foundation for many years and was Billy and Kristi Hobbs' home church when they lived in Amarillo.

When asked how this team, most of whom don't know each other, was assembled, Kristi's matter-of-fact answer is, "GOD! There is simply no other explanation as to how this group came together other than HIM!" She initially just planned to lead a mission team of 9 from Community Church in Decatur, Texas. Then in February, a call came from her niece, Brittany, who was attending Belmont University in Nashville. Britt had just met a girl in a jewelry store who asked where she got her Africa charm. When she said that her Aunt Kristi bought it for her while in Kenya, Sarah said that she had always wanted to go to Africa, and "tried many times, but it never worked out." Brittany told her that Kristi was taking a group this summer and the next day, this 27 year old girl from Nashville stepped out in faith and joined the team. Sarah said, "When I stopped trying to make it happen, God dropped it in my lap." Three months later, she travelled to San Antonio to meet Kristi and a few members of the mission team.

After the Nashville connection, Kristi's neighbor and pastor of Park Church, told her that a couple members of his church would like to go to Africa. After a meeting, seven people signed up, including his wife and daughter! Several God encounters later, the team had grown from 9 to 26! A few of them are pictured below.



The Park Church-San Antonio, TX



Sarah from Nashville, TN



Community Church-Decatur, TX

The final, and most exciting, God story came in March when Kristi got a call from her brother-in-law, Gary Hobbs, Billy's oldest brother, saying he too would like to go to the House of Hope. Her heart leapt because her dream has always been for Billy's family to see the African orphanage built in his memory. His other brother, Joe, wanted to go also, but his job would not allow him to at this time. Pray that one day the whole Hobbs family will be able to go! Please also pray for Gary's health, he has lymphocytic leukemia.

We appreciate your prayers for this team from Albuquerque, Amarillo, Decatur, Henderson, Kansas City and Nashville as they follow the Lord and pour out their hearts in Kenya, Africa. Especially pray for four team members who will remain at the JHHH as summer interns—two for one month, and two for three months.

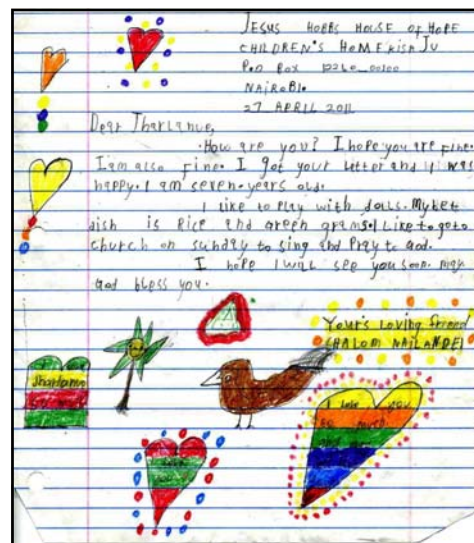
# CHILDREN FROM WALKER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND HOBBS HOUSE OF HOPE BECOME PEN PALS



WALKER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



HOBBS HOUSE OF HOPE ACADEMY



## Personal Word from Kristi Hobbs...

Walker Intermediate is a Charter School in San Antonio, named after Dr. David Walker, my pastor and Chairman of the Board of the Mercy Foundation. It was his wife, Shirley, who had the pen pal idea and presented it to me and one of the teachers. It was a wonderful idea that I knew the kids would enjoy, but I didn't realize the impact it would have until a few weeks ago.

When I received 55 beautiful letters from Africa (3 shown above), written by the Hobbs kids responding back to the 55 letters written by the Walker kids, tears filled my eyes. As I was thanking the Lord for His faithfulness in rescuing these orphans and providing them with an excellent education where they can read and write these letters, the Holy Spirit gave me a revelation: Children from a school named after David Walker became pen pals with children from an orphanage named after Billy Hobbs. The reason this impacted me was because David Walker is not only Chairman of the Board and my pastor, but he was Billy's best friend for 25 years. With this revelation, I saw how awesome the Lord was in orchestrating this seemingly simple exchange between children from two schools on opposite sides of the world. HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!