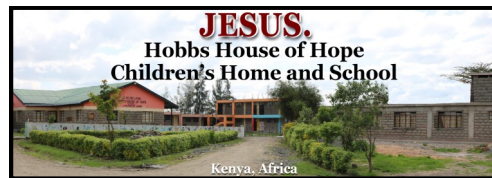




# ALAMO CITY MERCY FOUNDATION AUGUST 2018



## A WORD FROM ACMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS DAVID C. WALKER, CHAIRMAN & RUBEN FECHNER III, VICE- CHAIRMAN

*"Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58*

**We have a very unfortunate, but necessary message that we need to share with all of you as it relates to the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Children's Home and School.**

However, we first want to thank you for your love, support, and contributions for many years to JHHH. **Your investment both financially and through prayer has reaped an abundant harvest in the lives of African children who otherwise would have had a grim existence, both present and future.** There is no doubt God has used your gifts over these past 12 years to greatly impact the children through this ministry.

**Regrettably, after much prayer, heartbreaking discussion and multiple efforts on our part to sustain our relationship, connection, and contribution to JHHH, we have come to the conclusion that we can no longer partner in any regard with Peter and Jemimah Njao (African overseers of JHHH).** As a result, we will discontinue financial support, and although it grieves our heart and is a very difficult decision, that includes support for the children.

There is evidence that Peter might try to contact some of you directly, and we strongly advise that you not respond, nor provide them any financial support. **However, we encourage you to pray for the Njaos, that the Lord may grant them His grace to live 1 John 1:7 "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness."**

**We also encourage you to pray for Kristi, as this has been a very trying and difficult time for her. She has carried the burden for the children and has felt the brunt of betrayal.** Although she has a peace regarding this closure, she mourns the death of the vision she embraced with her husband, Billy Hobbs.

**So, what's next?** While we will no longer be receiving donations for JHHH, we are fervently seeking the Lord's guidance regarding future ministry opportunities for the Mercy Foundation. In this regard, it would be for your prayerful consideration as to whether you would like to continue to contribute to our ministry. **We believe God will open new doors through which we can extend mercy both locally and around the world. There is a hopeful expectancy as to the 'NEW THING' God plans to do through ACMF! (Isaiah 43:19)**

**Please be assured that your labor of love over the past 12 years, through financial support as well as through your prayers for the children, has not been in vain (as evidenced in the pictures below!) Because of your provision, five acres of barren land in Kenya became a home and a school for hundreds of children. Orphans have been rescued from potentially living on the streets, and have received an excellent education and all the tools necessary to excel in life. Most importantly, the children of JHHH have been exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and have received the gift of salvation and adoption into God's family. None of this can ever be taken away!**





## Personal Word from Kristi Hobbs ...

*"There is a time and a season for every activity...God has made everything beautiful in its time!" Ecc. 3:1, 11*

Several months ago, the prayer ministry coordinator in our church sought me out after the service. Laying her hand on my shoulder she simply prayed, **“God, take Kristi up to the mountain and reveal Yourself to her, and enable her to offer up her Isaac.”** Elida didn’t know the full scope of what she was praying, but immediately I knew it was in reference to the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope. JHHH was my Isaac – ‘my son, my only son, whom I love.’ (Gen. 22:2) In that moment, I knew that God was calling me to let go and trust Him with this impending ‘death’ of the vision Billy and I shared. But WHY?

I'm reminded of a devotional entitled "Never put a question mark where God has put a period." God, in His sovereignty, knew this 'end from its beginning' and still, He chose to establish JHHH, and to bless it. We have witnessed His miraculous provision over these past 12 years, from buying five acres of barren land in 2006, to having an administration building, a dining hall, a school, a library and computer lab, two dormitories, staff housing, and even a flourishing garden and farm complete with chicken houses and rabbit hutches. And if all this was not blessing enough, He chose to provide the miracle of the water well, giving us clean water in abundance. Each of these blessings are the result of God moving on *your* hearts to give. (Ezra 1:5) We so appreciate the generosity and love you've shown to this ministry. It is our prayer that although this news is disheartening, that you would be convinced in your heart that your labor was not in vain!

This has indeed been a BEAUTIFUL TIME and an amazing journey filled with joy, love and laughter. As with any death, comes a flood of memories — so many wonderful memories of time spent at JHHH: taking ‘viajes’ (walks) hand in hand with the kids after school, playing basketball and soccer with the boys, braiding hair and painting nails with the girls, singing and dancing, playing cards, having water balloon fights, learning Swahili from the boys around the fire pit, teaching Spanish to the girls while laughing and playing with them in the dorm before bedtime, and of course, worshipping with them and listening to their sweet prayers. Memories of simply ‘being’ with the kids have filled my heart to the point of overflowing! God certainly made every moment of this season at JHHH beautiful in its time!

“Never put a question mark where God has put a period.” So, rather than question why, or worry about the children and their future, we must simply trust in the Lord and in His promise to “cause all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28) There’s no doubt that this promise includes the precious children of JHHH. Our hope and trust rests in the God who makes clear His heart for orphans – “God is their strong Advocate and He will take up their case!” (Prov. 23:11)

Admittedly, there is an ache in my heart at this ending, but there is also a peace and anticipation for the 'NEW thing' God will do according to the verse He continues to speak to my heart. "Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. I'm about to do something brand new!" (Isaiah 43:19) So although there is a 'period' regarding JHHH, there is only a 'comma' regarding the Mercy Foundation. Thank you all for being a part of this beautiful journey thus far! Until the "NEW" ...



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