



Alamo City Mercy Foundation March 2011



FISH: OUR NEWEST COMMODITY

TO ADD TO THE HOUSE OF HOPE'S PROFIT-MAKING COMMODITIES OF CHICKENS, RABBITS, COWS, GOATS, VEGETABLES AND WATER— WE NOW HAVE FISH...TILAPIA AND CATFISH!

The House of Hope has a natural land depression that runs parallel through the entire property. Because of this hollow, we have not been able to build anything on that part of the land. Until now! God gave Peter Njao, JHHH Project Manager, an idea of turning that unusable ground into an asset—FISH PONDS! Peter contacted a local company that specializes in fish farming and ordered a feasibility report. What Jokika Fish Farms found was that since this depression collects water when it rains, fish ponds were a perfect solution. **Isn't this just like God? He specializes in taking seemingly worthless, useless things and turning them into something of great value. AMEN!**



BREAKING GROUND



PREPARING TO RELEASE



TILAPIA AND CATFISH



PRAYING OVER PONDS



ASKING GOD'S BLESSING



A JOYFUL PASTOR PETER

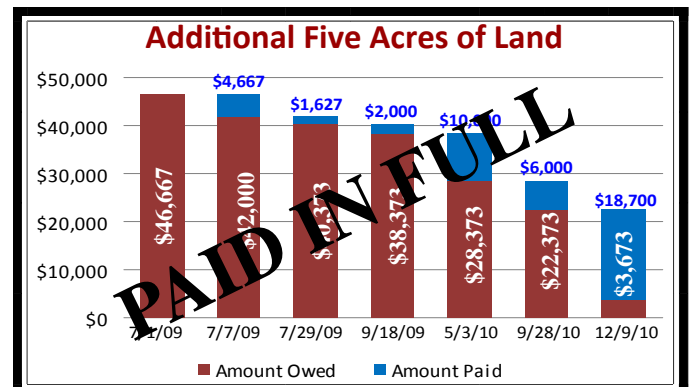
Thank you to Dennis and Cindy for this provision, and to ALL of you who have given toward this African Children's Home over these past five years. We are forever grateful!

UPDATE ON HOBBS HOUSE OF HOPE PROPERTY

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCED THE ADDITIONAL FIVE ACRES OF LAND IS NOW PAID IN FULL!

During the last three months of 2010, over \$22,000 was given to pay off the land before our January 2011 interest-free deadline! We are continually in awe of the Lord's provision though each of you.

Thank you to everyone who prayed and gave generously toward the purchase of this property. God bless you!



Walking in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul

As I write this newsletter, I am sailing the Mediterranean Sea on a "Footsteps of Paul" journey. We have stood in the dungeon cell of Mamertine Prison in Rome where Paul lived the last of his days before being beheaded for the Gospel of Christ. We have been to Corinth, Greece and walked among the ruins where Paul ministered to the Corinthians and defended his ministry in order to protect the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We went to Athens and climbed Mars Hill, overlooking the Greek Parthenon, where Paul addressed the Areopagus speaking the words "in Him we live and move and have our being," and "God commands all men everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:16-34) We have been to Ephesus, Turkey, and sat in the 25,000 seat outdoor theater where a riot broke out against Paul as he preached against idolatry—namely the pagan worship of Diana, the Greek goddess Artemis. (Acts 19:23-41) Finally we visited the island of Malta, where Paul was shipwrecked and snake bit, but where God used him greatly to heal the multitudes. (Acts 27:39-28:10) This has been an incredible journey!



MAMERTINE PRISON—ROME



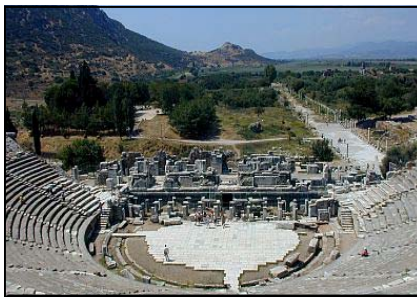
DUNGEON CELL



RUINS OF CORINTH—GREECE



MARS HILL—ATHENS



THEATER—EPHESUS, TURKEY



ISLAND OF MALTA

Personal word from Kristi Hobbs...

Back in September of 2004, just one month after Billy passed away, I was reading in Philippians chapter one and these words Paul penned seemed to jump off the page. He was under house arrest, "in chains for Christ" in Rome and wrote to the Christians in Philippi these words. **"I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. Because of my chains, the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly."** (Phil. 1:12,14) When I read these verses shortly after Billy died, it was as if I could hear my husband saying these same words, 'what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,' and 'because of my (death), the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.' In the months and years following Billy's homegoing, I have seen these things come to pass in the lives of many people. But what about me? Have I been advancing the gospel? Have I been speaking the word of God more fearlessly and courageously?

This Footsteps of Paul journey has challenged me. I find myself questioning how committed I really am to Jesus. I claim to love Him and desire to serve Him, but am I really 100% sold out to Him, as Paul was—even unto death? Am I encouraged to share the gospel with boldness and fearlessness? During these past two weeks, in walking where the Apostle Paul walked and reading in a fresh way the letters he wrote to the churches in the areas we are visiting, I have to admit that I fall short.

Paul wrote the following words in that dark, damp, dungeon prison in Rome during his last months of life. **"So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord...but join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace."** (2 Tim. 1: 8-9) By that grace of God, may we be encouraged to speak His Word with courage and fearlessness. Bless you. ~Kristi