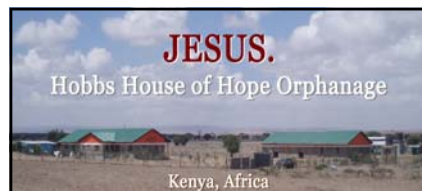




ALAMO CITY MERCY FOUNDATION JULY 2012



JESUS. HOBBS HOUSE OF HOPE SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND

“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the cornerstone to shouts of ‘GOD BLESS IT! GOD BLESS IT!’” Zechariah 4: 6-7



BREAKING GROUND



LAYING THE CORNERSTONE

On Monday, June 11, faith became sight as we broke ground for our new school building!

Those present at the Ground Breaking Ceremony were Peter and Jemimah Njao, Directors of J.HHH; Jackson Kiarie, Project Architect; Peter Ngigi, Project Cost Manager; the J.HHH staff; Kristi Hobbs, and Kristi’s friends, Paul, Laura, Andrew and Ashleigh Grizzle from Amarillo, TX. As the pick was raised and the ground struck, Peter, Jemimah and Kristi consecrated the school building to shouts of **“GOD BLESS IT! GOD BLESS IT!”**

We will begin by constructing one floor consisting of six classrooms. Our prayer is that construction be completed and classrooms furnished by January 2013, in time for the new school term. The initial construction cost of the ground floor totaling 4,210 sq.ft. was \$117,000. The Lord has already blessed us by providing for the entire cost of the foundation! **Now the remaining funds needed to complete the school is approximately \$85,000.** Please pray and consider helping build our new school. If you would like to assist with this project, designate your tax-deductible gift “School.” Thank you.



DIGGING THE FOUNDATION



**ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING OF
GROUND FLOOR, NEW J.HHH SCHOOL**



J.HHH CLASS PICTURE 2012

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2012 SUMMER MISSION REPORT



We were blessed to have over 30 people minister at J.HHH this summer. On June 4, the Grizzle family from Amarillo, TX arrived with Kristi Hobbs and stayed for 10 days. They enjoyed doing 'everyday life' with the children as they stayed 24/7 in the missionary house on the property. On June 15 a team from Alamo City Church in San Antonio, hosted by Advancing His Kingdom International, arrived and spent a week playing with and loving on our kids, mending clothes, and giving gifts of caps, trunks, drums and books. We are grateful to the team for not only assisting in constructing a stone walkway connecting the dorm to the main building, but for funding that work project as well! Finally, Regina Mills, from Amarillo, stayed and ministered at J.HHH from June 25-July 5. She blessed the children by bringing suitcases full of much needed clothing items. The five week summer trip ended with a bang on July 4 as the kids and staff gave Kristi a surprise birthday party, complete with singing, dancing, and of course a birthday cake! Many tears were shed as we all had to say goodbye.



Personal word from Kristi Hobbs ... Billy Hobbs' Namesake

Four months ago I received word from Peter Njao, Director of the Hobbs House of Hope, that the Kenyan Government Police brought two little boys, brothers, to our Children's Home because they were found living on the streets and sleeping in a public toilet. Their mother had been arrested for the second time for using her sons to beg for money.

When I asked Peter for more information about the children, he told me their names were Collins (age 7) and Billy (age 3). My heart melted when I heard the name 'Billy'. I told Peter that in the 10 years I have been going to Kenya, I have never heard of any African named Billy. Peter said, "Well, I am 50 years old, and I've never met a Billy in Kenya." That is not a usual name and in Peter's words he doesn't know why the mother chose that name. Of course I tend to believe it is a God-thing, a gift from HIM to provide a literal namesake for my husband, the one in whose memory little Billy Omollo's new home is named.

I could not wait to go and meet this little miracle boy. When I arrived in Africa on June 4, it was late and Billy was asleep, yet they got him out of bed and brought him to me. (See picture below.) As I held this precious child I wept, not sure if it was that I missed MY Billy, or that I was overwhelmed by God's goodness. Perhaps both. During my next five weeks at JHHH, this little boy grew in my heart. I cannot explain the attachment I feel with him. He is so lovable, energetic and funny. Every American that came this summer absolutely fell in love with him! He is just that adorable! So, it is my pleasure to introduce to you... little Billy!



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