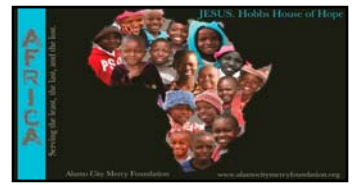




## ALAMO CITY MERCY FOUNDATION MARCH 2012



# THE HOUSE OF HOPE: MORE THAN A HOME



The words above state, **“With God everything is possible in the JESUS Hobbs House of Hope Children’s Home.”** This banner, made by our children, hangs in the JHHH’s makeshift ‘school.’ Our children believe God can do the impossible! And it’s with that assurance that I write this newsletter, knowing that nothing is impossible with God! (*Matthew 19:26*)

As previously reported, after much prayer, we have decided to construct a Tuition Block— a permanent school on the House of Hope property to replace the inefficient, temporary school that we now have. One reason we feel led to do this is financial. Research shows that building a school and opening it to the community (to tuition paying families) would exponentially help speed the process of the House of Hope’s goal of becoming self-sustained.

**The other and more vital reason to build a school at the House of Hope is to fulfill our mission of rescuing orphans and children from the streets of Africa and providing them a future and a hope in Jesus Christ!** What is the correlation, you ask?

Right now we have the accommodations to house and take care of 11 more children. We have 11 empty beds, we have room for 11 more children around the dining table, BUT we do not have room for 11 more children in our existing transitory school ‘building.’ For that reason, government regulations state we cannot receive any more children into our House of Hope family.

Although the prospect of speeding the course toward self-sufficiency by constructing a school building is appealing, that pales in comparison to making better lives for more children who have no hope! If we simply had the proper educational facilities/ classrooms, we could snatch more children from the devastation in which they now live. That’s what drives us; that’s what the Mercy Foundation’s calling is ... **to serve the least, the last and the lost at any cost.** That cost right now is **approximately \$120,000.** That is what it costs to build the ground floor of our school. This amount seems enormous, but **with God, everything is possible!** We humbly ask that you help us build this school so we can rescue and educate more African children. If you would like to be a part of this, please designate your gift ‘construction of school’. We are so grateful for you!



### PERSONAL WORD FROM KRISTI HOBBS-- BEST TRIP EVER!

I just returned from my eleventh trip to Africa. This was not a mission trip, per se, but just a time to take a few friends/supporters who wanted to experience what God is doing at the House of Hope. Three friends accompanied me— Samuel & Karol Maroney, and Karen Nolan. Typically when I go, I am leading a mission team. During those trips, I’m always in “work” mode, making sure everyone is taken care of and things are running smoothly. We stay in accommodations off campus, then come onto the JHHH property to minister during the day and return to our lodging place at night. I never realized, until last month, what I had been missing all these years by not spending time “hanging” with my kids. But this trip was different. Since there was only Samuel, Karol and me, we were able to stay on the property in the two bedroom guesthouse. (Karen stayed at the Honc’s.) Words cannot express the joy I felt by just “being” with the kids 24 hours a day for 8 days. What a delight to go to bed and wake up with them every day, to share every meal, paint fingernails, clean ears, and of course play and play until I fell on my bed in exhaustion every night. I loved sitting with them while they ‘styled’ my hair, gave me a ‘check-up’ with their plastic doctor’s kit, and climbed all over me! We worked on puzzles, played Twister and giggled until our sides hurt. The highlight of it all was singing, dancing and praying with them every day! I fell more in love with all 17 of them and absolutely hated to leave. I cannot wait to go back in June and spend another five weeks enjoying the amazing kids that make up the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Children’s Home!





# MEET THE HOUSE OF HOPE STAFF



**Dick Omondi**  
Headmaster  
**Salary: \$467 a month**



**Stephen Masika**  
Head Teacher  
**Salary: \$160 a month**



**Lydia Kamau**  
Pre-School Teacher  
**Salary: \$160 a month**



**Felisters Nyongesa**  
Social Studies, English  
**Salary: \$134 a month**

## IMPACT A CHILD, SPONSOR A STAFF MEMBER

Since each of our 17 children are fully sponsored at this time, we want to present the opportunity to sponsor our staff. We are so blessed to have eight exceptional full-time staff serving the Lord at the "House of Hope." They live on our property and are available for the children 24 hours a day. Please consider supporting them as they support our kids.

The **Staff Sponsorship Program** is intended to achieve two important objectives: First, it connects each staff member with an American committed to praying regularly for him/her. Secondly, the program helps offset the \$7,000 monthly operational budget by funding the ongoing expense of our staff.

### How Does the Staff Sponsorship Program Work?

We ask our sponsors to:

**\$1,343 WILL PAY THIS ENTIRE STAFF FOR ONE MONTH.**

- Contribute a minimum of \$30/month to help pay the salary of your sponsored staff member.
- Pray regularly and consistently for the one you sponsor.
- Write periodic notes of encouragement and receive correspondence back through personal letters.

### Making Monthly Sponsorship Payments:

If you would like to sponsor a staff member, send checks to the Mercy Foundation, PO Box 39910, San Antonio, TX 78218 and write their name in the memo, or simply donate online by logging onto [www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org](http://www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org) and clicking the "Donate Now" button. To set up a recurring monthly donation, type in the amount you wish to give and then designate "staff sponsorship." Select which staff you're sponsoring by typing his/her name in the "dedication" box.



**Solomon Wamgoya**  
Swahili, Math, Science  
**Salary: \$94 a month**



**Geoffrey Ngigi**  
Head Cook  
**Salary: \$134 a month**



**Elias Kimiti**  
Property Caretaker  
**Salary: \$100 a month**



**Carol Nafula**  
Housekeeper, Matron  
**Salary: \$94 a month**

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