



Mercy Foundation August 2007 Newsletter

ACMF thanks *Integrative Health Technologies, Inc.* for supplying Nutritional Supplements to orphans



On our recent mission trip to Africa (see back), IHTI (www.ihglobal.com) provided cases of Nutritional Powder to be administered to the "children of the dirt." These street orphans who, apart from intervention, eat only what they can scrounge up from the dump piles in the slums of Africa. This multi-vitamin/mineral supplement works to aid muscle growth and enhance the children's immune system to resist disease. As you can see, they loved it!

Dr. Gil Kaats, CEO of IHTI, has agreed to provide the monitoring and ongoing scientific analysis as well as a supply of these nutrients that are critical for the development of strong bones, bodies and immune systems.

Please pray for favor as ACMF seeks approval from Kenya's Finance Minister for exemption of duty on future shipments of this supplement.

Orphanage Buildings Named

Three very special people have been chosen to have their names forever associated with providing shelter and education for African orphans.



Phil Adams was a very dear friend of Billy Hobbs', dating back to the 1960's at Texas A&M. He has been a major supporter of the "Hobbs House of Hope."

Emma Laffall served as a nanny to a friend of the Hobbs', Debbie Hayhurst, and her siblings. This family desired to honor the woman who taught them about Jesus by providing for the completion of the dormitory named for her.

Joe C. Richardson has been a close friend and second father to Billy since '65 when he persuaded Billy to choose Texas A&M for his collegiate football career. He remains a dear friend to Kristi.



It is Well with my Soul

Upon our arrival to the House of Hope Orphanage site, we were notified that the progress on the hand-dug water well was halted because an impenetrable rock was encountered at a depth of 38 ft. The laborers worked tirelessly to chisel away the stone, but to no avail. Since an ample supply of water is critical for the viability of the construction work, not to mention the sustaining of the whole project, discouragement was apparent.

Our team felt led to pray over the well, asking God to break the rock and allow not just physical water to flow, but living water for the whole community. Faith welled up and tears flowed as the presence of Jesus seemed to surround us. (See picture below)



Although we did not experience a miracle while we were there, something miraculous did happen. Upon our return to the States, the Lord impressed one of our team members, Joe Lee, to contact his friend who is involved in a Dallas based ministry which digs water wells in Africa. From that obedient phone call came correspondence between two major international ministries discussing the possibility of digging a 120ft bore hole on the property of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Orphanage!" Two weeks ago a geologist was sent to our site to do a hydro-geological survey. He is in the process of writing up a report to send to the ministries for approval. If the Lord grants us favor, this well would supply clean drinking water for the whole community—over 2500 people, at no cost to the Mercy Foundation! Please pray for this provision.

From the Heart..."Mourning to Morning"

"Weeping remains for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Ps. 30:5

This past week, August 21, marked the anniversary that my husband, Billy, was killed in a motorcycle accident. I vividly remember those first days of being a young widow, mourning and wondering how I could make it a week. Here it is three years later and God's sustaining grace has been clearly evident along this journey. He has indeed been my "very present help in times of trouble." (Ps 46:1)

Billy was the Founder and Director of the Alamo City Mercy Foundation, and when God called him home, our Pastor, friend, and Chairman of the Board, David Walker, felt I was to continue the ministry of ACMF. Despite my many arguments of 'Billy is the visionary, Billy is the speaker, fund-raiser...not me', I felt the Lord confirming that call in my spirit. Even though I could not imagine that God could use me to oversee this ministry, I did know that if He called me, He would be faithful to equip me. And He has!

So many of you have supported this ministry-- financially, through prayer, and in countless other ways, and to you I say "thank you for being a source of encouragement and confirmation to me." I can honestly say that there is now joy in the journey! ---Kristi Hobbs

ACMF's First Mission Trip A Success!

The Mercy Foundation hosted a group of 50 people from Alamo City Christian Fellowship and Crossbridge Community Churches in San Antonio for our first short term mission trip, June 6-26, to help with construction and ministry of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Orphanage."

In addition to constructing two chicken houses, which will house over 1500 chickens, we also conducted medical camps, and basketball clinics. Part of our team ministered through dramas in local schools, while still others spoke at Pastor's conferences and in churches. We were able to hand out new shoes to orphans as well as serve them a hot meal after a church service. We also walked a 12 foot cross through the slums of Nairobi and in the city of Kitengela, sharing the Gospel with hundreds of people who stopped to listen to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Building Chicken Houses...



Conducting Medical Camps...



Holding Basketball Clinics...



Ministering in Schools...



... and Churches...



Walking the Cross...



As you can see, this trip was amazing! God is moving in Kenya, Africa, and we have been so blessed to be participants in what He is doing in this place. You can read about our trip and view more pictures by logging on to: http://accfmissions.blogspot.com/2007_06_01_archive.html

Thank you for praying!

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