



"Come and listen, all you who fear God, let me tell you what He has done for me." Psalm 67:16

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"When they had crossed the Jordan, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?' Elisha replied, 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit'."
2 Kings 2:9

Throughout our marriage I often referred to Billy as my Elijah, so it seemed fitting when he was taken from me that I ask the Lord to give me a double portion of the Spirit which he'd had. Although I don't fully understand how this can be, I must testify that the Lord is graciously answering my prayer.

Billy was scheduled to travel to Pakistan with International Evangelist, Sammy Tippit in September, 2004. He was so excited about the prospect of ministering in the Middle East, but he never got the chance. A few weeks prior, the Lord took him home to Heaven. When the Tippits asked me to pray about accompanying them to the Middle East a few months later, I felt my going would be, in part, a fulfillment of my husband's dream to minister in that difficult part of the world.

In May, I traveled to the Middle East with Sammy and his wife Tex, where we ministered through discipleship to Christian leaders from Iran. As a result, God burdened my heart for that country. I am now communicating with and discipling some of these Iranian leaders.



Persecuted Christians praying

August took me to Brasilia, Brazil, with Sammy and Tex and a team of seventy for evangelistic outreach. *Hi-lite: I led a gynecologist to Christ!* Frenick had been a drunkard for over a



Frenick accepting Jesus

year. After his wife's death, he'd turned to alcohol, and his life shattered. I met him in the street and shared the gospel, not knowing at the time his wife had died just two weeks before my husband was killed. I was able to tell him that the only difference between our lives as a

result of our spouses' deaths was Jesus. Frenick was on the front row of the church that evening, cleaned up and in his right mind!

The Mercy Foundation, in conjunction with Manna Relief, sent boxes of nutrition powder throughout Texas in September to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Shipping from the SA Food Bank

In November, the Lord answered a heartfelt prayer. I went with a team of ten on a prayer walk into the Islamic Republic of Iran. It was one of the most amazing things I've ever done. To be in a nation so rich in biblical history (Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah and Ezra all lived in Iran), yet where bringing someone to Christ can land you in prison, was something I will never forget. During the hours just prior to our return to the USA, we went to a "safe house" to meet with some Christians. We worshiped and prayed for over two hours, we in English,



Team at Persepolis, Iran

they in Farsi. Despite the tension in the atmosphere, freedom reigned. The possibility of government officials barging in and arresting everyone present was very real; however, these lovers of Jesus were so caught up in His presence, an undeniable peace filled the room. God's amazing grace!

Finally, and perhaps most exciting for me, is what is upcoming in 2006. I am going to Nairobi, Kenya, January 12-24. Although I will minister with Sammy and Tex in a Somalia refugee camp, my main purpose for the trip is to meet with Peter and Jemimah Njao. We will view our property and begin to give oversight to the building of the *JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Orphanage and Learning Center* to be built in Kitengela, Africa, in memory of Billy Hobbs. The joy I feel when I think of fulfilling my husband's dream to provide a place of shelter for the *Chokoras*, the Children of the Dirt, cannot be contained. I can just see his blue eyes and wide smile beaming down from Heaven as he watches his dream become a reality.



Billy with orphans in Kenya

2005 has been an incredible year of ministry. We are grateful and humbled by the Lord's calling and equipping. Through the Mercy Foundation and your gifts and prayers, the Lord has opened wonderful doors of opportunity to share the good news and meet the needs of those who are the least, the last and the lost. Thank you for your support. The Lord has been an amazing Shepherd and Husband to me, and I know it is in direct answer to many of your prayers.

I pray for you to have a wonderful, spirit-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Bless you,

Kristi Hobbs

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