



# Alamo City Mercy Foundation December 2006 Newsletter



## Billy Hobbs Memorial Fund Provides Matching Grant

When Billy went to be with the Lord, our family requested that in lieu of flowers, gifts be made to the Billy Hobbs Memorial Fund. This was set up to help take care of any needs which would arise, and many of you gave generously. Since the Lord has so graciously provided for me during these past two years, the money has remained in a bank account...untouched...UNTIL NOW. After much prayer, we felt it would please the Lord and Billy if this money was given to the Mercy Foundation as a matching grant to help with the completion of Phase 1 of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope" African Orphanage. This grant is intended to match any gift given towards the building of the orphanage up to this designated amount **before the end of the year**. Please prayerfully consider an end of year tax-deductible contribution to the Mercy Foundation, which coupled with this matching grant, will double your giving. Please designate your gift "African Orphanage."

## Breakdown of Cost Needed to Complete Phase 1: (40 orphans)

Administration Bldg: 2,182 sq.ft  
\$56,219 (\$25.76/sq.ft)

Dormitory: 2,776 sq.ft  
\$67,566 (\$24.33/sq.ft)

Power Supply- Solar Panels:  
\$9,286

Water Storage Tank with Tower:  
\$7,857

**Total needed: \$145,000**

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress." James 1:27*

## Many thanks to all of you who have helped the Mercy Foundation "look after the orphans."

Billy and Darleen Honc and I just returned from Africa where we spent the most part of five days surrounded by 'orphans in distress.' Words cannot describe how wonderful and productive our trip was. Thank you for praying! When we arrived at the property site of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Orphanage," we were amazed at the progress! We saw piles of sand, gravel, rebar and quarry stones. We saw the land filled with laborers. Most were working on laying the foundation; some were planting trees, while others were establishing the garden—complete with corn, onions and strawberry plants!



Then we met our Massi Tribe neighbors, who Peter Njao invited onto our property to share a meal of goat and rice with us. We handed out shoes and clothes we brought from the USA which were donated through "Operation: Share a Shirt." (Read more about this on the back page.) It was so special to build a bridge with our neighbors, who genuinely seemed happy with what we were accomplishing. They even dressed me, Darleen and Billy in their tribal outfits complete with beaded jewelry! As we sat down for our shared meal, Peter told them the history of our friendship—meeting me and Billy during our first trip to Kenya in 2003, and how God linked our hearts together. He told them about receiving the news that Billy had been killed, and how it affected him. Then he shared how he saw Billy's love for the African orphans, and that is the reason we are building this home for orphans in Billy's memory. By the end of the story we were all in tears, but oh, the motivation that rose up within me to see this project through, both in honor of my husband, and for those precious children that we got to hold and love. The day culminated with the Architect, Peter Githaka, presenting us with a model of the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope." Only by faith and the provision of the Lord can we see this come about. Please pray!

*Bless you,  
Kristi Hobbs*

## ACMF Launches New Website

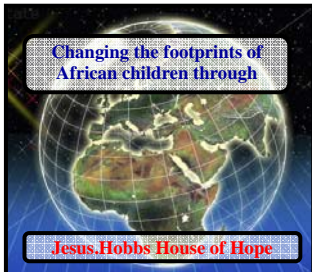
After months in the making, and many requests, we are pleased to announce the launching of our new website. Please logon to [www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org](http://www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org) to learn more about the Mercy Foundation. Also, read updates of our recent International ministry trips, and view our picture galleries. You will also find the link to the "JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope" African Orphanage Project. We will regularly update this with progress photos so you can be kept abreast of how the Lord is providing, and making this dream a reality!



## "Operation: Share a Shirt"

Thanks to Alamo City Christian Fellowship Church and Mrs. Baker's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at San Antonio Christian School for donating over 200 lbs. of clothes which we took to Africa and gave to the orphans! Thanks also to Gil Kaats for donating 32 pairs of brand new shoes for the orphans!

We were able to give them all away to the "children of the dirt." As we looked at their feet our hearts broke. Most had either mismatched shoes or no shoes at all. When we opened the suitcases full of clothes and shoes, the children began cheering and dancing! Things we take for granted were so appreciated and brought many smiles to dirt-stained faces. Thank you!



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