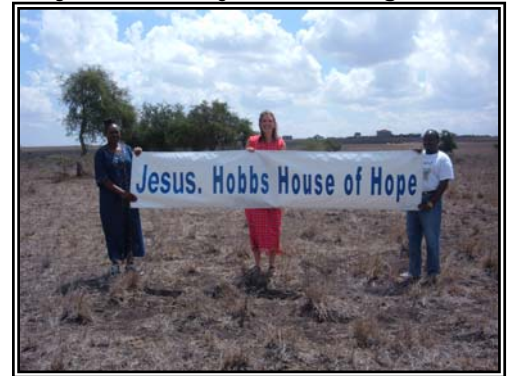


“Thus far has the Lord helped us.” 1 Samuel 7:12

February 2006 Newsletter

It is with a grateful heart that we present to you an amazing opportunity for the **JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope Orphanage**. One of our financial supporters has agreed to match any donation given to the Mercy Foundation on or before March 15, 2006. By giving now, you will essentially double your donation! We are so excited about what God is doing with this project. Please help us use this generous gift to the fullest by prayerfully considering donating funds. Your gift will help provide a home for the “children of the dirt.” You can make a difference.

I returned last week from Africa and am pleased to tell you that the land in Kenya we purchased for the site of the orphanage is beautiful! I wanted to share a few pictures so you could rejoice at the goodness of God to provide in this miraculous way. Peter Njao testified to me and the Tippitts of the behind the scenes story of the land's acquisition. The owner was asking \$40,000 USD originally, and then came down to \$30,000. Peter told him the amount we had budgeted and asked him to consider “giving it to God.” When he refused, Peter walked away. The man summoned him back and said, “What you have, I will accept.” So God provided these five acres of real estate for \$ 20,500!



The night before I left San Antonio, my parents brought me a gift and instructions not to open it until I got to Africa and was in the presence of Peter, Jemimah, Sammy and Tex. So, upon our arrival, the Njao's met us at the hotel, and we all opened the gift together. It was a 10ft. by 2ft. vinyl banner printed with the name of the orphanage. What excitement to see this tangible proof that our faith was becoming sight... an “Ebenezer stone” declaring, “thus far has the Lord helped us.” 1 Sam. 7:12.

Sammy and Tex accompanied me, Peter and Jemimah as we drove the 30 miles north from Nairobi to Kitengela to view the property. We discovered that the 68 acre property, from which our 5 acres was sub-divided, borders the Nairobi National Forest. We saw zebras as we traveled and then on our land, gazelles! As we stood on the property, we unfurled the banner and could envision the completion of the project by the grace of God and for His glory. Amen!



Before leaving the property, the Tippitt's, the Njao's, and I prayed. Peter provided a vial of oil which Sammy poured out on the ground, and we consecrated it to the Lord. We asked God to continue to supply every need, but more importantly we prayed for the children who will one day inhabit their new home. We prayed that as they learn about Jesus and His love for them, they would receive the gift of salvation, which is the ultimate goal. Words cannot describe the emotions that stirred as we walked that acreage and reality set in.

We ask you to help us by committing to pray for this project and giving generously. Please ask the Lord to direct our footsteps and lead us in each aspect of making this building become a home for the “children of the dirt.”

Bless you,

Kristi Hobbs

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