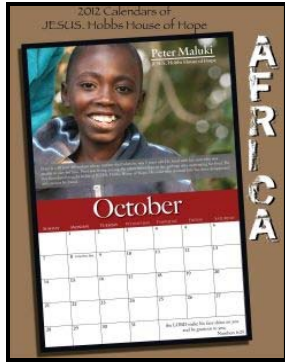
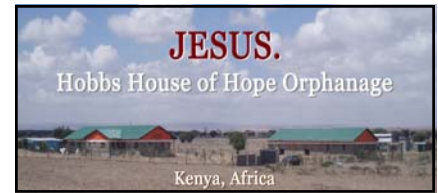




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2011 SUMMER MISSION TRIP REPORT

TEACHING SCHOOL



ARTS & CRAFTS



FEEDING STREET KIDS



Thank You for Praying!

On our recent mission trip to Africa we were blessed to have 27 people from four states. Although most of them didn't know each other before the trip, at the conclusion it was obvious that lasting friendships were made! There was unity in the Spirit as they served the kids and staff at the orphanage.

In addition to teaching the children at the House of Hope Academy, leading Vacation Bible School, and doing arts and crafts, the team conducted a City-wide medical clinic, fed street children a hot meal, and handed out gifts of clothing and toys. During their time in Kenya, they also led worship at Joy Miracle Center Church in Nairobi and spent a day at Morning Star Children's Home. On their two 'days off' they toured Nairobi, went shopping at the Massai market and experienced African wildlife on a Safari day trip to Nakuru.

It was a wonderful time of ministry and fun. Thanks to all who followed the Lord and poured out their hearts in Kenya, Africa!

VBS



MEDICAL CLINIC



LEADING WORSHIP



IN DIRE NEED OF A SCHOOL AND KITCHEN

The House of Hope is facing exciting times as we look to expand. As our children grow and their numbers increase we are finding that this growth is outstripping our facilities.

We are in dire need of a new school building and a larger kitchen. Our current upper school consists of three classrooms that are really not classrooms but rather small rooms separated by wooden partitions, in what was originally intended to serve as our library. These partitioned rooms are too crowded and close together that the normal teaching noises from one room penetrate the other rooms, making it difficult for both teachers and students.

We have also exceeded the capabilities of our existing 20 x 10 kitchen that is now too small and lacking in adequate cooking and storage areas. (We have to store our food staples and supplies across the property in a storage closet located in the Missionary House.)

While our December newsletter will provide more details as to the vision of what we believe the Lord is calling us to do, it is clear that we NOW need to begin raising funds for our expansion. Thanks to your faithfulness and obedience to give over the years, we have seen miracle after miracle transform the House of Hope from a mere dream into a living reality for our children. We would ask you to once again pray and give as the Lord leads. Please designate your tax-deductible contributions to either "SCHOOL" or "KITCHEN." (See construction costs below.)



CLASSROOMS



EXISTING KITCHEN



Immediate Needs:

School Building: **\$14,000/classroom**
(we need 6 classes)

New Kitchen: **\$22,000**

Wish List:

Washing Machine: **\$600**

33 Passenger Bus: **\$43,000**

Personal word from Kristi Hobbs...A Dream Come True

This past summer, I made my tenth trip to Africa. The first two trips in 2003 and 2004 were with Billy. These last eight have been after he went to be with the Lord. Every time I go to the JESUS. Hobbs House of Hope, there is a sense of joy and anticipation mixed with a bit of sadness and regret—regret at the fact that Billy never got to see the orphanage that was established in his memory, never got to play with our children rescued from depravity and now receiving hope and a future. Because this fact cannot be changed, I have dreamed of his family going; the Hobbs family...in essence, representing Billy.

That dream came true this summer when Gary Hobbs, Billy's oldest brother, made the trip to Kenya as part of our mission team. (His other brother, Joe, hoped to go but his work schedule did not allow it.) To see Gary, who looks so much like Billy, teaching school, running and playing with the kids, and showing them how to throw a football, thrilled my heart. Seeing him do all the things that his younger brother would have loved to do but never had the opportunity, brought tears to my eyes. For me, as well as for Gary, this was indeed a dream come true! I pray and eagerly await the day when more of the Hobbs family can go and experience what God is doing in Africa through Billy's legacy! Please pray with me. ~ Kristi

