



MERCY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL

Winter 2004 Mission Trip

Dear Friends and Loved Ones in Jesus:

Ruby and I have just returned from Kenya, East Africa where God showed Himself to be more than faithful to His Word. It is interesting that when we do our scriptural part He is always faithful to manifest the promise, or His part, i.e.:

- We are to ask and it will be given to you
- We are to delight ourselves in the Lord (Psalms 37:4) and He gives us the
- Seek and you will find; Knock and it will be opened to you (Matt. 7:7)
- We are to submit to God and resist the devil (James 4:7) and he will flee. desires of our hearts.

Well, you get the picture, God has done His part, Jesus did His part, now it is up to us to do our part, with His help, so that more names can be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We are all missionaries (Mark 16:15). Some are on the front lines and some are in the supply lines. All are a part of the body of Christ but all are different members (I Cor. 12:14-27). Thank you Jesus for allowing all of us to be part of what you are doing.

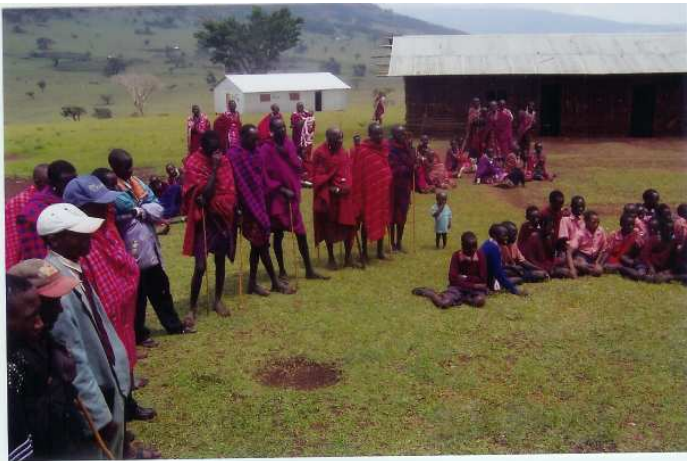
We left the U.S. on January 11 and returned on March 11, 2004 for a total of 2-months. The first week was mostly business which is a vital part of all ministries. **MERCY IN ACTION (MIA)** couldn't accomplish what we do without you and our African partners.



These are Maasai Murrani warriors at our tent campsite in an area called OLOLTE. It is near the Tanzania border and is one of the most remote areas left in Kenya. **MIA** participated in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to over 31 Manyattas (villages).



We lived and slept in tents for 8-days and the African cooks prepared meals over open fires. We estimate 350 plus Maasai got saved and born again, including 37 Maasai men under a tree. This was really a God thing. Afterward they told our interpreter; “who wouldn’t want eternal life through this man you call Jesus. If we saw Him walking down the mountain we would run to meet Him!”



The building in the back is **MIA**’s newest church located at **OLORTE**. We participated in a special dedication service on Sunday A.M. Everyone in attendance was given a new Maasai bible. This church just ¼ mile from our tented campsite was packed out.



Two days later a service was held at this **OLORTE** Maasai primary school next door to the church. Many of the 125 students, along with their parents, received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. **MIA** gave every student a bible.

At the end of this service the Chief of This area stood up and said: “Thank you, You have shown us a new way.”

We went back to Nairobi where we participated in an open air crusade in Mathare Valley's NGEI area, which is a very heavily populated part of the slum.



Here is our own Pastor Bob from Arizona
With the Pastor of the new NGEI church.

Here is Ruby with her kids at NGEI
Just before a downpour shut every
Thing off and down!

Some of the street kids from Mathare Valley
Getting their porridge at the Mathare Child
Development Centre. **MIA** helps feed about
175 kids 2-hot meals a day, 6-days a week.
Momma Jane Nuthu administers this program
As well as the school.



Momma Jane, shown here with her daughter Charity
and her son Micheal, along with Ruby and our son
John. Jane also administers MIA's Adopt-A-Child
program. Approximately 100 Mathare Valley
street children have been adopted at \$25.00 per
month. If you want details on this Adopt-A-Child
program, contact **MIA**.



Back to the bush in tents, where we participated in a wonderful, spirit-filled, service in this **MIA** built church at TOROKIET. These were mountain Maasai and many of the children (and probably some adults) had never seen a white man.

Distributing **MIA** bibles to about 400 Maasai Primary school children near our camp site In the DOROBO mountains.



These DOROBO mountain Maasai came out of the forest one day and said they wanted to be saved – could we help them! Their names are now written in the Lamb’s Book of Life! What a Jesus we serve.

There is so much more to tell but space won’t allow; like 5,040 bibles purchased and money left to buy 2-church plots and to construct 4-more churches. Thanks again to each of you who hold us and **MIA** up in prayer, as well as to you who give of your finances. As always, Ruby and I pay for all our expenses plus travel so 100% of your dollar goes to the ministry. God Bless.

Bob & Ruby Nell Hoke
Romans 1:16