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Living Letters: Building a Home in Kenya - by Larry Beer

But the only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves! Your lives are a letter written in our hearts, and everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. Clearly, you are a letter from Christ prepared by us. It is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on stone, but on human hearts. -- 2nd Corinthians 3: 2-3 (New Living Translation)

Where to start? So much has happened! Global Hope provides monthly operational support for a growing Kenyan orphanage called Hope for Orphans Rehabilitation Centre, or HOREC. HOREC began when a woman named Christine took in a handful of abandoned children into her home because they had nowhere to go – no options and no hope. Today, she is founder and director of HOREC, which has saved almost 30 children and provides a loving environment and continuous support for their well-being. And she is not done!

Early days of HOREC



If Christine's first "project" was finding a way to accommodate a handful of abandoned children in her home, the following list of projects demonstrate her ability to make great things happen.

- First land purchase (1 acre)
- Chicken coop
- Security wall
- Dormitory with electricity
- Water well
- Sewing machine and lessons
- Office and bathroom
- Dining room
- Second land purchase (1 more acre)
- Outside kitchen
- Schoolhouse (small) and front gate
- Indoor kitchen (under construction)
- Perimeter fence and gate
- Goat house
- Playground
- Septic system (under construction)

Projects on the horizon (with cost estimates):


- Kitchen plumbing \$400
- Kitchen electricity \$100
- Boys dormitory (+ 2nd story) \$8,000
- Chicks for chicken coop \$550
- Water tank for running water \$650
- Children's education (ongoing effort)
- Balanced food supply (ongoing effort)
- Schoolhouse (large) and teacher TBD



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Three children join the HOREC family!

Mercy (10), Pinky (3) and Obama (1) come from the Masai region of Kenya. Paraphrased from Christine, "Their mother is dying of cancer and in that community kids are not allowed to see their mother dying." "They have never gone to school because they have been taking care of their mother." Although the circumstances that brought them to HOREC are sad, Global Hope is confident that these beautiful children will be taken care of and have much hope for the future. 

Fall 2010 Mission Trip to Kenya ~ by Team Leader, Scott French

On September 23rd, a team of eight will leave for HOREC outside Nairobi Kenya to serve the children there.

Preparing for this trip is a journey in itself. To get our hearts in the right place for service, we have been reading as a team – *The Hole in our Gospel* by Rich Sterns. Rich is the president of World Vision and his journey and his message in this book are powerful. I recommend this book to everyone.

In his book, Rich shared a family parable – **The Starfish Story**. Most of us have heard this story.

To paraphrase:

One morning a man came to the beach and saw thousands of starfish washed ashore. This man loved starfish and he knew these thousand would surely die. He was distressed and sat down and wept because it was hopeless for them. Then he saw a man walking down the beach, leaning over, picking up a star fish and throwing it back in. The first man went to this man ask, what are you doing? There are thousands! What difference will that make? As the second man leaned over and picked up a starfish and threw it in the ocean, he said, "It made a difference for that one".

This familiar story is actually one of Randy Jessen's (Global Hope founder) favorites and conveys a core value on which he founded Global Hope. It is all about one life at a time. This is so true. We all get desensitized by the massive poverty and the plight of abandoned children in our world. As Rich points out in his book, the statistics are overwhelming, but we are called to see each child with a better life just waiting to be lived. When we focus on each child, our collective efforts can change the world.

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Our team has been praying for God to tear open our desensitized hearts and help us see the world as He sees it. We can tell that He is softening our hearts' desires to meet each child, to love them, and get to know their desires and ambitions. And, I can only imagine what He has in store for us when we are there.

We appreciate your prayers and support. God calls us to be faithful with what we have (to give our loaf of bread) and with that He can decide when and where to create the miracle by multiplying it. He is doing that through your faithfulness. If you want to support our team's projects financially, you can add "Kenya Mission - Projects" to them memo on check. 100% will go to the project fund. Also, consider supporting the food and shelter for the kids. To do that, memo your check - "Kenya-Food/Shelter".

Initial Project List for Fall mission team (mission trip dates: 9/23-10/4)

- Hang shelves in the office, pantry, and storage room (used as temporary library)
- Move refrigerators into the new dining area
- Painting dining room ceiling, gate, doors, etc.
- English lessons for pre-school children
- Cooking and baking with the children
- Work on boys dorm (if applicable)

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Global Hope and these children continue to be in need of people who wish to act. The children are only an email away. Also, any contributions of time, treasure and prayer are welcome and will make a difference. Global Hope has several fund raisers throughout the year where volunteers make all the difference! Questions about Global Hope in Kenya can be directed to Larry at info@globalhope.org or submitted on the Global Hope website at globalhope.org. Online donations are also possible via the website.

Your Dream - The Future for HOREC: Q&A with Christine from Marty Sheppard, a missionary and friend of HOREC and Global Hope

Q A lot has happened this year - more land, chickens, new children, a teacher for the little ones and new staff members. What are your dreams for the children?

A To support each of the children to reach their full potential and become responsible, dependable, God-fearing members of the community who will give back to the society.

Q What do you think they will be doing five, ten, twenty years from now?

A My hope is that the children will be responsible citizens who will work in high places in society and some will become leaders, role models who will assist the other children who we will have taken in; and help in other charitable organizations. The children are encouraged and are involved in helping other needy people in the community. And most importantly I hope to see them having loving families and serving God.

Q What do you think will be happening to HOREC five, ten, twenty years from now?

A The phenomenal growth we have witnessed this year is a sign that God wants to see HOREC serve even more vulnerable children. I hope to rescue more kids and create awareness of the dangers of HIV/AIDS the same way we are doing and inspire others to take the route I took.

Q What is it you wish for YOU?

A Better health is what I ask God to grant me and minimal pressure-time for me.





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9th Annual Global Hope Golf Tournament

Thanks to all who came out and made 9th Annual Global Hope Golf Tournament a success! Another beautiful summer day welcomed Global Hope golfers to the Onni Interlocken Golf Club. Participants enjoyed lunch, 18 holes of golf, a dinner reception and silent auction. We thank God for the volunteers who dedicated their time to make this tournament a reality, and for those who came out to show their support. Global Hope raised more than \$15,000 to bring food, education, and the gospel of Jesus Christ to abandon and orphaned children in Romania and Kenya!

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