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Hearts Afire Milimani Mission Hospital

WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO?

How would you feel if you had a sick child and no money or access to medication or treatment? Anxiety and despair were a way of life for people like Hilda—a widow and mother of three who lives in Mailinne, outside of Eldoret in western Kenya. Simple conditions like diarrhea could be life-threatening for her and her children. Deformities from motorcycle accidents are commonly seen in the area due to lack of access to treatment. Days off from work (when work is even available) add to the burden of poverty and hopelessness that are common and expected.

Now, they have a beacon of hope! The Hearts Afire Milimani Mission Hospital groundbreaking was the first spark of light in a community of darkness. This beacon, a Christian state-of-the-art hospital, now stands out on the hillside and is a cornerstone of advanced healthcare. In this area of economic and social challenges, babies are now being born in a safe, clean environment and childhood vaccinations are available. The presence of this modern and well-equipped hospital is having a profound impact on public health, the economy, education, the spiritual welfare of the people and overall societal development.

The presence of Milimani Mission Hospital has contributed to the economic development, ushering in an era of faith and hope for the future. Hilda's heartfelt gratitude is evident in her words... "Thank God for Hearts Afire and the Hospital."

By transforming the healthcare landscape, improving public health, driving economic growth, and nurturing a skilled workforce, the way has been paved for a healthier, more prosperous, and better-educated society—ultimately leading to an improved quality of life for all.

Currently, Inpatient and Outpatient services, as well as Maternal Childcare and a Maternity Center, are functioning and serving the community. The next steps in progress and development, for which we are fundraising, include a fully-functioning operating room and a diagnostic room that can accommodate X-rays, as well as the ultrasound that is now being used.



Hearts Afire Hospital's first patient Hilda, entering the hospital with her family.



Team member Julyn examines a child at one of our Kenya medical outreach camps at Transformer Village. These camps bring awareness of the nearby Hearts Afire Hospital.

YOUR GIFT GOES A LONG WAY!

Partnering with Hearts Afire financially allows us to further the vision of bringing the love of Christ to hurting people all around the world.

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SAVE THE DATE
for our 2024 Virtual Benefit:



Friday February 23, 2024



One of 7 wells completed in India in 2022. During that trip, 744 patients were seen in the four days of medical camps. Pastors were trained, and in 2 nights of crusades 2300 people heard the Gospel message with 87 healings and 187 salvations. More than 200 Bibles were distributed in the Telegu language.

IMAGINE A NOT-SO-TYPICAL DAY

You wake up and go to the faucet to brush your teeth and wash your face. No water. You go into the kitchen to wash any dishes left in the sink from yesterday. No water. It's laundry day... but... no water.

In places like Kavaini and Malili, in the driest county of Kenya, or Ildungisho and Kishermoruak, in the drought-ridden Masai Mara of Kenya, water is NEVER taken for granted. Your senses are constantly reminded that water is life. The scorching sun on your skin, the sight of dry riverbeds and the crunching remnants of grass and dust that are kicked up with every step pierce your thoughts when this is your life. You wake up and wonder if there will be ANY water for you and your family today. This is your life... UNTIL a well is drilled in your village. Then you feel refreshed and alive!

Chief Ole Pesi was so overjoyed with the support for his village of Ildungisho, he said, "We feel as if you are like Moses. You have made water come out of a rock."

Investing in well infrastructure is a crucial step towards achieving sustainable development goals and uplifting communities in need.



One of the first women in her village to experience fresh water from a faucet at the well dedication in Ildungisho, Masai Mara, Kenya.

OUR IMPACT: THE NUMBERS

	2022	2023	All Years
Number of Trips	2	2	81
Babies delivered			35
Bibles given	5,629	4,316	22,545
Goats provided for widows	48	88	136
Ultrasound Machines/probes delivered	2	1	4
Christian Camp Scholarships			210
Churches Built			18
Dental Patients Seen			1,126
Fluoride Dental Treatments			1,910
Feeding Programs	2,730	1,320	18,589
Glasses Distributed (Reading)			8,214
Glasses Distributed (Sun)			6,895
Hygiene Bags			3,400
In-Country Lectures/Attendees (Healthcare Workers & Others)			1,274
J316 Soccer Balls Distributed			310
Jesus Film Distributed			5
Lab Tests/Ultrasonounds		91	3,104
Medical Patients Seen	1,351	1,909	57,675
Medicine Distributed (in Dollars)	\$7,525	\$5,000	\$1,345,000
Mosquito Nets Distributed			344
Operations			137
Packets of Vegetable Seed Distribution (Hope Seeds)			125,500
Salvations	375	73	15,339
Deliverances			111
Rededications			24
Sandals/Shoes Distributed			2,003
Shipping Containers Shipped (Disaster Relief)			1
Team Members		13	998
Tracts Distributed			35,857
Vitamins Distributed			1,086,400
Anti-Parasite Medicine		2,000	17,000
Water Filters Distributed			92
Wells Completed	9	4	48
Mega Well Completed			1
Children's Ministry		400	11,430
Children's Dresses			52
Healings	87		639
Baptism in the Holy Spirit			1
Recycling Bins Purchased			1,200
Orphanages			2
Hospitals			1
Maternity Centers			1
Greenhouses			1
Schools built	1		2
HIV children served	40		40



Basketball competition at the dedication of the Makena Center of Champions. Our partner, Answer Africa, has built this sports complex in Eldoret, Kenya. This helps keep the youth off the streets with a soccer field, track, basketball court, and tennis court.



(Above) Tribal Masai widows celebrate after receiving goats from team member and Hearts Afire Co-founder Rhonda Pecoraro. The widows will raise the goats to provide milk and meat for their families. They also receive Bibles in the Masai language to enhance their relationship with God.



(Right) David Delaney takes a photo with a young man who receives a Bible in his native dialect. The demand for Bibles is always greater than what we can supply, and the excitement is infectious when people receive their first Bible ever.



MISSION STATEMENT

We're dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of under resourced people worldwide.

OUR VISION

Passionately providing resources and hope to people in need through the life-giving power of God's love.

THE FOUR PILLARS



Hearts Afire Dominican Republic Team



Hearts Afire Kenya Team

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