

## More Project Hope Stories

### Project HOPE – by Dorothy Bizzini

This is my second trip to Africa and I thought I had seen poverty, but my trip to the slums and to the Birthing Center where we replaced the roof on the Clinic really opened my eyes to the poor. The Birthing Center is a place where the poor patients go to have their babies delivered by a midwife because they cannot afford the hospital cost. Joyce, the midwife needed her roof replaced because if it were raining and a patient came into the birthing room, the delivery table would be soaked and the mom and baby would be rained on during delivery.



The room for post delivery and recovery had a bed, but the roof above it was full of holes. Cathy and Nick Mascitelli, Bill and Dorothy Bizzini, Michelle Allison and Lou Wiebe with the assistance of a village helper, replaced the joists, replaced the axis, and then roofed the building with tin. The village people were overjoyed. But during the visit we observed the drainage water from a fish packing plant running along the street and the children were playing in it, the ladies were washing their clothes in it and they were filling their water jugs to take to their huts. OH for Clean water for these people! On a happy note, while replacing the outside walls in three classrooms at TEMAK (Teenage Mothers and Girls Association of Kenya), we

had the opportunity to observe the teacher and her happy children in school. They were singing songs, reciting the days of the week, months of the year and their ABC's. They were so happy being around us white people and so proud of their buildings after the ladies painted the walls. (Michelle Allison, Chris Daley, Kathy and Nick Mascitelli, Joe Serra, Pam Moreno, Jennifer McNulty, and Bill and Dorothy Bizzini) The mothers of the children were in the small house in front sewing, learning computer skills, doing each others hair (learning to become hair stylist), and a couple was doing inventories of the items we had brought such as materials, thread and needles. When leaving, Job and Philomena, the directors of TEMAK brought 2 large suitcases to me to bring to Brian Bizzini for the Interactors to sell and to send the money back to TEMAK to help with their projects. What talents God has given to those wonderful people and they are using it to it utmost and with our help they will be able to save more of the AIDS girls and their children.

### A Thank You Note to District 5220

Dear Dr. Gallagher and all our Rotarian friends in District 5220, I'm not sure there are enough words in the English language to adequately thank you for all you have done for Agape, so..ASANTE SANA! As much as we needed the tables, chairs and kitchen equipment, your greatest gift was sharing your lives with the boys and staff.

They will not forget you! In fact, I'm sure I'll hear, "Mama, when are those people who checked our eyes and painted with us coming back?" Thank you for pouring your love, energy and financial support into Project Hope. It is clearly making a difference in lives of Kisumu's children! May God bless and reward you a hundred times over!! With much appreciation, *Darla Calhoun, Director, Apage Children's Ministry*

