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Dear SIHG Supporters,

Linda and Becky were expecting challenges as they forge ahead, and one expectation was the re-drilling of a well that was put in over twenty years ago. Well, it happened, the well went dry. First challenge for Linda was to quickly access water trucks to come and deliver water on time to meet the needs of all the children and staff and the supply that is required. Next find a reputable driller, and all that follows, permits, weather conditions, and safety for people on the site. Then it was on to the cost estimates so that drilling could start as expeditiously as possible. Well, a challenge and a body that can handle the logistics required. A report of the conditions and needs was sent and the expected cost of a new well twenty-three years later is now 35,000 dollars. Whoa, that was a jump in price, but it had to be done. Seeds in the states sent the money without a hesitation so the work could continue. BUT NOT WITHOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE MIRACLES AND BLESSINGS ALONG THE WAY.

1. A gentleman and his wife have a home that facilitates abandoned babies not far from Seeds in His Garden. However, their criteria do not permit them to keep the toddlers past two years of age. The couple had just arrived in the country, after taking a few months off back in the states. He came to visit Linda and the children. In that visit he shared that his church donated 25,000 dollars to SIHG as gratitude for the care of the children. Linda did not share battle with water unfolding at the time. She of course said thank you and requested the U.S. board let her know if a check had arrived. Seeds in Kenya has taken in the extreme cases from their facility as well as others, such as HIV positive, or other rare immune disorders, downs syndrome, as well as others and this missionary couple wanted us to know they appreciated it.
2. The check arrived and Linda was notified. She immediately went to see the couple, and thank them and their church again, and then shared the story of the well, and that the timing was amazing and miraculous.
3. Linda continued to share what she was doing to resolve the matter and then let him also know that she was trying to learn about wells, drillers, the whole process. Then again, something happened, and another door opened. The gentleman shared that he knew someone coming into the country in the next couple of days that had lived in Kenya. The person he was talking about had been here for twenty years drilling and evaluating wells. Linda asked if he might have a chance to stop by and have a short chat. Again, something happened, and the door went wide open for Linda. A couple days passed, and the expert arrived in the country and came to SIHG and walked Linda through everything. He watched the drilling and spent about three days providing a service to Linda and others, as well as advising and supporting the work.

Amen, the well is dug and now it is simply putting the correct pump in and SIHG will be back to “normal”.

We are so grateful for everyone who provides support and love to all of us at Seeds in His Garden. We are richly blessed and honored to serve the children of Kenya. The children are more than a motivation to help us make the world a better place. These children remind us that one life can make a difference.

Thank you for making a difference in our lives.

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JOSEPH STORY

On the day of arrival, Joseph was frightened, with severe malnutrition, fresh scars from burns and beatings, and emotional scars that we would slowly discover. Years have passed and the boy has become a man and is headed on his personal journey to his future. He will be graduating from high school at the end of this year. He is not quite sure if he wants to venture to university immediately or take some time to adjust to the changes coming. A very bright young man and clearly has caught the attention of his school. It is an expensive school, and well known in Kenya. He has exceeded our expectations there as well as those who gave him the opportunity to go there. Seeds in His Garden received some news about Joseph that is exciting for so many, but especially Joseph. On December 3, he will be taking his final exams and we can't wait to surprise him and you with what doors are opening and the future possibilities that he can choose. On December 5, I leave for Kenya and will photograph what happens.



HOORAY! KENYA, HERE I COME!

I head back to Kenya for a brief trip to catch up on the happenings but most importantly to give Linda a rest. Linda has not been able to travel to visit her family for three years. Her father will be entering a cancer treatment, and he would love nothing more to be in Kenya to help the children and spend time with Linda. Her mother is holding onto the day it will be safe for them. Linda also has not had a break from SIHG for about two and a half years. She needs a break, and I am there to give her whatever she needs. She says she needs nothing, and I understand that feeling, but I know she must have a getaway. I intend to provide her with that. Please pray that my trip will bring much needed rest for others and a chance to once engage with what I spent twenty-five years developing. Pray for a safe and fruitful trip.

We need your help NOW MORE THAN EVER

I can't even begin to share all the physical adaptations and my thoughts over this past year. Certainly, there are those ups and downs in any change, whether you sought them or not. I added a cultural shift, removed the sense of speed and urgency of each day to care for staff and children, then took away all those little feet and smiles (some with no teeth), and began to be part of "state-side". A reunification to the encouragers, present for the loss of family and friends, having medical care so close, and adjusting to a new role in SIHG. As a counselor shared, who had a very similar change, she said "...it is like coming back after 25 years from the front line in a war. You just don't feel you belong, that anyone truly gets it and simply lost at a grocery store, or unable to express with family or friends about the trenches.

I think the adjustments to the Covid restrictions and the challenges of political divides that have brought so much anger and the changes to health, are manageable, just not comfortable. But I do have a new task at hand and that is to cultivate for SIHG interest and new partners. It is out of my comfort zone. Seeds has had the best people for support over the years. Board members who have had direct visits and involvement to office support. I want to truly thank everyone, but specifically those in the office support, Jackie Kennedy (over 10 years), Pam Angulo (6 years), David Cuadros (6 years), Bonnie Molinari (over 10 years), and Annette Paxton (6 years) for their years of participation and often the unsung heroes for the energy they put in from the back that has helped Seeds. We ALL appreciate what you have done and your continued support to assist the lives of Seeds in His Garden.

Now as our teams are built both here and abroad, our level of commitment to making connections is even more important. Please help us as we can no longer just rely on the mail service, and our visits and ways of developing news functions has clearly been shifted. New software (Salsa) and technology (zoom) is now able to help us stay on top of past activity and allows us to have a more efficient and safer way of responding to you via email, video so that we may share current information or sometimes a greeting that would lift spirits. **Help us by going to the card enclosed and help us by providing information that we need to confirm so you don't miss out on the exciting year ahead.** We need you! We need help to support those smiles. Don't forget this is not about me or you but those counting on us to not forget they have mountains to climb, they just need the tools.