



SEEDS IN HIS GARDEN

children's home

Quietness – Fear or Perplexed Gratitude

Imagine your little brother and you going days without food and suffering the pangs of starvation; physical beatings coming from a woman you know as your mother. Neglect takes a toll day after day with no school, two sets of clothes, shoes with half a bottom and unable to speak out to protect your brother. You fear the outside and the noises around and have no one else to call on for help. Will someone come and rescue you?

One day someone shows up at the door following up on a report and notices immediately that the mother is unwell and unable to care for two young children. You are taken to a place with other children there. You get your own bed, clothes, a bath and all the food you want. You hear laughter but cannot laugh and you do not know how to communicate with others; you are afraid again. You ask yourself questions. Where am I? Who are these people? Where is my mother? What if I do something wrong? Will people hurt me here?

Years have passed and after many struggles you have adjusted to school and home. You have many friends, both young and old. You have security in your space and freedom to laugh or cry. You have begun to understand what caring for someone looks like, and you have begun to understand that you are important.

Because of others you can conquer the day and have hope for tomorrow. You have been liberated from survival mode.

It is for the doors opened at Seeds in His Garden and all those both near and far that have provided love and care for the many lives such as this young boy.



Paul Onyango

9-years-old

White Stars

Preparatory School

Favorite Color:

Black

Favorite Animal:

Gorilla

Favorite TV show:

Ben Ten

Favorite Hobby:

Drawing

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Racer

Best Friend:

Gift and Jayson

What super power do you wish you had?

Thor

Why do you love Seeds in His Garden Children's Home?

It's the best



Out of the Rubble

by Rebecca Adams

On August 7, 1998, a bomb ripped through the United States Embassy and surrounding buildings in Nairobi Kenya. I was a volunteer with the IRC and was privileged to work closely with a special recovery team from Israel. The job would be clearing the dead and injured and the debris on “the mound” of rubble. It was my first year in Kenya to serve the children and a test for what was yet to come on a global scale. It was an honor to serve my country, the Seeds children's country and my God.

The Israeli special rescue forces have provided their expertise all over the world. The team of men and women were a comfort to me as we dug. They helped me emotionally as I gathered limbs, personal belongings and found where to excavate another dead body or hear a live voice. The smell was sometimes so extreme my eyes would water with the burning of the after dust and the rancidness in the air. I would get physically tired and just wanted to rest but saw those around me hardly take time for a breath let alone a break from the chaos, death, and madness. Every second mattered! What a great motivation they were to continue the task at hand, save lives where possible, and under the rubble give dignity; but the greater motivation for me was three things:

1. As a citizen of the United States and as an IRC volunteer – serve in crisis.
2. As founder of a mission in Kenya where all people are seeds in God's garden – bringing faith and hope to those in need.
3. I, myself, was scheduled to be there the morning of the bomb blast. I was spared from the embassy bomb by being late. God had a plan, and it was to bring a message of hope, love, and faith out of the “the mound”.

I am so grateful for the team I was fortunate to be part of. They were loving, and unyielding in their efforts to save lives. Are we unyielding in our efforts to bring hope and love to those in need, or so busy we don't see?

Living faith, hope and love – does not permit mistrust, bitterness, misery, despair, discouragement from the uncontrollable forces or people around us for long.



Devine Pies

I know that many of you were disappointed about the Seeds fundraiser not happening this year. Despite the set-back a big surprise was underway.

A mission group from Georgianna United Methodist Church came to Seeds for a visit earlier this year. Linda and I often see these visits as a way of reminding us that we can make a difference as a home to others. It is tough and lonely on the field, but we see lives transformed. The church was so impressed that they decided that their upcoming pie auction would benefit our

mission in Kenya. So on September 25, 2022, a pie auction was held at the Georgianna Church. What a blessing!

Linda van Dalen, serving over 20 years now, did an excellent job in welcoming the visitors (under COVID there were no visitations allowed) and excited to share the aspirations of the children and the goals of the mission. As usual she shared her love of the work, kids, commitment to making a difference. The oasis of the farm and homes and especially the children impressed the group, and the impact led them to be part of the future of Seeds. We love it when visitors come, as it is often too difficult to explain in conversations.

What the church did not know was that the SIHG's October fundraiser event goal was set at \$100,000. Linda

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did not know the fundraising dollar goal. And, I was unaware that an auction was being planned.

So, how did the Georgianna Church develop or create their pie auction? Just how did they do it? I do not know exactly, but there was a miracle, a true miracle. The church had their auction of pies and even the church was amazed at the results. The "divine" pies raised \$100,000 and Seeds was again blessed through unexpected places and people as we continue to operate in faith.

We thank the Georgianna pastor, mission director all that participated in the auction. We look forward to another visit and we will welcome them as before.

The "Seeds" in His Garden home is designed to TOUCH, MOVE, and INSPIRE all those that come into our path in Kenya. A home that is filled with purpose to make a difference and impact the lives of everyone.

BETWEEN STIMULUS
AND RESPONSE THERE
IS A SPACE.

IN THAT SPACE IS THE
POWER TO CHOOSE OUR
RESPONSE.

IN OUR RESPONSE LIE
OUR GROWTH AND
FREEDOM.

-VIKTOR E. FRANKL