



Remembering “Opa”

Koop van Dalen: A Great Friend to Seeds

On April 12, 2024 after a bravely fought 10 year battle with a rare form of cancer called Sezary Syndrome, my dad, Koop van Dalen, left this world. He was at home and in the presence of my mom, Petra and my sister, Lettie. I was on my way to him from Kenya and we must have crossed paths mid-air.

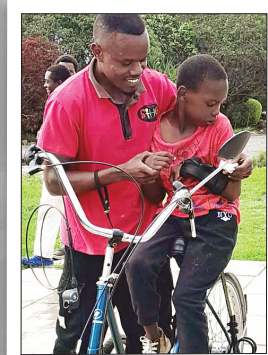
Koop will be remembered by many as a quiet, hard working man that didn't give up on an idea easily. What his brain could think off, his hands could make. His craftsmanship was remarkable and his eye for detail and strive for perfection were unmatched. He did not say much, but the words he spoke were spot on and to the point.

His example has been crucial for me to be who I am. His dedication to his family has taught me about commitment. Last year, my mom and dad celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; a crown on their journey of friendship, love, care and compassion. Koop would have turned 75-years-old in August this year.

Seeds in His Garden became his place of passion over the years. At first, my dad wasn't a fan of my “escapade” to Kenya but over the years he opened his heart to the children and became their “Opa”. Kenya became his “happy” place, especially after he became sick. The joke with the doctors was that his health insurance should cover his trips to Kenya as he often came back healthier from a trip to Seeds.

Koop has physically contributed to all the houses we lived at over the years and his last project unfortunately remains unfinished – the tiling in the Volunteer/Life Skills House. During his last visit to Kenya – Opa made a “Lego Table” for the little ones and he brought and assembled the bicycle for Luke that he custom build. They will be amongst the many things that will remind us of Opa on a daily basis.

Koop will never physically be at Seeds again but his spirit will be on the site and in our hearts forever.



– Linda van Dalen

From Becky's Chair...

It has been a tough period of learning patience. Sitting on the phone and computer store chairs for three months trying to recover from a computer hack and damage to hardware, software, and data. It has been a challenging period of dealing with anxiety knowing that flooding in Kenya has affected so many lives and families, including Seeds. It has been a period of weeping and sorrow for several that are strong SIHG supporters and friends, including the loss of Linda van Dalen's father who was so instrumental in the work in Kenya. It has been a physical challenge to stay on top of the needs of so many that are important to the work of the mission. I have had some intimate phone conversations that helped my spirits, just at the right time. I have been invited to share a meal or join a conversation that was uplifting. However, it has been a time of rejoicing as well, as we continue to make new friends and discover new opportunities to serve others.

– Becky Adams

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Becky's Kenya Trip 2023-2024

So many things to share during a two-month visit to Seeds. Here are a few photos to give you a taste of that wonderful time. – Becky Adams

Teresia is such a delightful girl and very different than anyone we have had in the home. She is in need (along with a few others) for dental work. Her condition is called dental fluorosis is a condition that causes changes in the appearance of tooth enamel. It is often in the children who come at an older age into the home.



Maggie, Joy and Mitchelle, are heading off to school and have definitely grown up. All were babies when they arrived at Seeds.



SIHG Graduates: Kevin, Martin Eugene, Shadrack are all on a successful life path. The older brothers Martin and Eugene (now in their thirties) are still guiding Kevin and Shadrack as they make the journey through their twenties. Proud of so many of the children as show compassion to others.