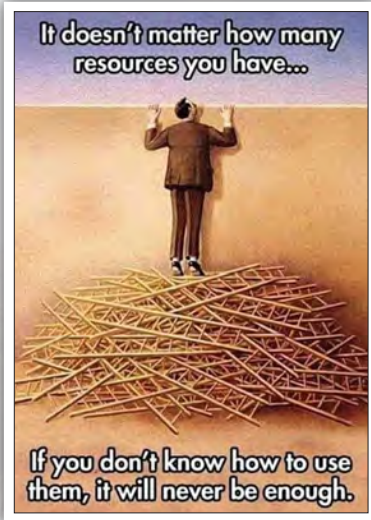




# Time is Priceless And Finite And Our Greatest Wealth



Theophrastus was a student of Plato and Aristotle. He said, "Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend."

Time is something that cannot be recouped. Many people squander their time pursuing activities that seem initially pleasurable but have little to no long-term value. Time is a limited resource: you can't go back and fix or replace it. Giving someone your time may be one of the most valuable gifts you can give them. If you could give two weeks, one month or a year or more to someone else that is in need or desperate for support, guidance, learning, the gift of your hands, laughter, or your smile, would you? There is no doubt that we can afford to

take a second look at what we spend our time on.

Some of you have begun discussions on making a trip to Kenya to offer up your time or gifts that may be helpful. We welcome all the interest.

We can borrow knowledge but not action.

If any of you are interested in sharing your time with someone who needs help, we can certainly use it in Kenya. We are beginning to engage in further plans for those who may be interested.

Right now, Linda is managing all the activities in Kenya and needs someone who is willing to commit a minimum of a year of time to assist her.

## Our Choices

Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing, and God gave him ten bananas. He gave him three bananas to eat. He gave him three bananas to trade for a shelter from the sun and the rain. He gave him three bananas to trade for clothing to wear. He gave him one banana so that he might have something to give back to God to show his gratitude for the other nine. The man ate three bananas. He traded three for shelter from the sun and rain. He traded three for clothing to wear. Then he looked at the tenth banana... and it seemed bigger than the rest. He knew that God had given him the tenth banana so that he might return it to Him out of gratitude for the other nine. But the tenth banana looked bigger and more delicious than the rest; he reasoned that God had all the other bananas in the world so the man ate the tenth banana... and gave back to God... the peel.

The choice is yours. Will you return to God the largest and best of your banana – or only the peel?



## A Prayer And A Heartfelt Get Well To:

**Koop van Dalen** and his wife Petra, the parents of Linda van Dalen who is the director of the SIHG home in Kenya now. I have come to love this family. They have adopted the home as theirs and love the children as their own. They have been coming to Kenya for years to help with all types of projects. Koop has slowed down quite a bit, battling a rare cancer, and now is battling Leukemia. He returned from a recent trip to see his daughter and the children and to work on a special project. He will begin Chemotherapy once again and we all need to pray for him, the family and of course Linda as it is hard to be so far away. It is an unexplainable emotion to be so far from family and friends to do the work in Kenya. Here is the latest project that Koop completed – a **specialty designed tricycle for Luke**, our autistic/CP special boy.



I also want us to pray for other supporters and friends of the "Seeds family". **Ray and Laura Hastings** have been there from the beginning and so faithful to the work and the goals of the mission. Laura also has been battling cancer and receiving treatment. They bring much light and joy to the hopeless. I pray we can bring hope and love in return.



**Marce Weiss** is very dear to me, and she has been an amazing woman to be around. She has endured some serious surgeries in the past. We pray that this surgery will give her the relief that she needs to remove the daily pains from her life. Her husband Russ has had his share of physical battles but has been an excellent giver of care and love for years.

Like a herd of elephants, we must unite in making a difference for them and the many others that are needing help. Helplessness never adequately covers all the things we go through and the tears that are shed, but we know it is where we can create the greatest impact in service.

*“Orphans are easier to ignore before you know their names.*

*They are easier to ignore before you see their faces.*

*It is easier to pretend they're not real before you hold them in your arms; but once you do, everything changes.”*

-David Platt

## A Big “Thank You” to All...

...of you who were part of “Help our Garden Grow” fundraiser. It was a lovely afternoon. It was great to see familiar, but also new faces. It was a relaxing time for those that had firsthand experience at Seeds in His Garden, to share with those that were new to the mission. The auction and the request for the support for the children’s education was a success. Our goal was \$100,000. When it was all over, the reports came in, and SIHG had received \$103,000.

We want to thank everyone who helped make it possible. The following were generous with their time, sponsorship donations and labor of love creating the opening for a successful fundraiser: John and Bonnie Molinari, Dan and Trish Silverie, Baloian Family Foundation, Dr. Lisa Boardman, Debbie and Hank Friede, Jinny Meyers, Rene and Karen Boscoff, Jim and Linda Campbell, Beth Rodriguez, Pam Sobeleski, Otto Pauls, Donal Meeks, Simon Bull and Heather Griffin. These special people organized and supported the process for us to enjoy a good meal and an exciting time of sharing and giving. So many were part of the success of the event. However, these special people created the event with so much love, patience, and enthusiasm. Seeds is extremely grateful for their contributions of time, money, and physical efforts to organize a nice relaxing event.



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## Christmas 2023: It Is Baking Time For The Elves

Time appears to have moved quickly this year. A trip to Kenya this 2023 Holiday season will again show how the children have grown, both emotionally and physically, and what has shifted for them and others in the house. The goal of this trip is to help Linda during the busiest time of year. It will be a time of reconnecting to the little ones, visit those who are now adults who have moved out and are now independent of Seeds. Also, it will be an opening to share some time with the local connections of 25 years that have been part of Seeds development. However, my prayer is that I can be a hand and voice of encouragement for Linda. The challenges she faces are often tough – personally and within the home. My prayer is to arrive ready to bake some love, compassion, a good listening ear, lots of hugs, tons of laughter and some sweetness for the taste buds. – *Becky Adams*



## In Kind Donations

Seeds in His Garden welcomes donations of any kind. However, it is disappointing at times times, when the children are in receipt of what is either useless or just plain garbage. Remember these points when making your next in-kind donation:

- Is it age appropriate?
- Does it work, or can it easily be fixed?
- Will it bring a smile to the recipients?
- It is something you would pass on to your children or a friend?

Thank you