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THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

BY RITA LANGELAND

During an especially trying time in the pioneering work of the China Inland Mission, Hudson Taylor wrote to his wife, "We have twenty-five cents—and all the promises of God!" (*Wycliffe Handbook of Preaching & Preachers*, W. Wiersbe, p. 242)

At Hidden with Christ Ministries we have known a few days like that! Over the years of running the orphanage, we experienced times when the coffers were so depleted and the bills on the horizon seemed overwhelming, yet God's faithfulness never failed us.

It had been some years since we had faced such a challenging financial situation. But in early June we had a moment when our faith was sorely tested once again. And it was then that the above quote from Hudson Taylor came to mind. We had paid up all outstanding bills – we were current with everyone – and we had a grand total of \$26 left in the ministry's operating account. But we knew the 2nd semester school fees of the Treasures of Africa KIDZ in Tanzania (and the ones being schooled in the USA) would be due in a matter of weeks. Also, other quarterly and annual expenses were coming up and the total needed would stagger most people, especially in the short window of time in which it was required. But all I could do was tell our Board of Directors – "We have \$26 and ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD!"

**WE HAVE
25 CENTS
AND ALL THE
PROMISES
OF GOD.**

Hudson Taylor
1832 - 1905
Pioneer Missionary
to China


I sent out an email to our intercessors – to simply agree in prayer for all finances needed for the various parts of the ministry to come in. I did not reveal the amount needed. I shared only with the Board the exact target of \$50,000. They were all faithful to earnestly pray.

Within days, from the north, south, east and west, money began to flow in. We even got a donation from Norway! By the 8th day – we were \$900 above the \$50,000 mark. Our God is the God of "more than enough!" The Hebrew name – El Shaddai – means "all sufficient one" or "the God who is more than enough." We saw El Shaddai in action during this time of great need.

I want to encourage you to believe that El Shaddai will provide for you! He longs to show Himself strong on your behalf. (2 Chronicles 16:9) He is a miracle working God and is well able to do abundantly above all that you can ask or imagine! (Ephesians 3:20) Great is His faithfulness!

Know therefore, that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His faithfulness to a thousand generations for those who love Him and keep His commandments...

Deuteronomy 7:9

A rusty shovel with a wooden handle leans against a wall made of horizontal wooden planks. The shovel's head is at the bottom, and its handle extends upwards. The metal of the shovel is heavily rusted and discolored, showing shades of brown, orange, and blue. The wooden planks are weathered and have a natural grain pattern.

**"I shovel
[money] out,
and God shovels
it back...but God
has a bigger
shovel!"**

**R.G. Letourneau
1888-1969**

Christian Businessman
Philanthropist

Inventor and holder of 300 patents
for Machines & Earth Moving Equipment

HWCM FAITH QUOTES 2023



THE MONEY TEST

BY DR. MARCIA CHANG VOGL

God uses money to test you. If you live in any of the world's economies, these tests come with consequences, whether or not you are Christian.

1. Money tests your **faithfulness**. Do you pay your bills on time? Do you pay your debts as you promised? (Mortgage, student loans, car loans, rent) If you fail the faithfulness test, poverty will take over.
2. Money tests your **generosity**. Do you give to others within your means? Do you give gifts out of thankfulness or payback? If you fail the thankfulness test, abundance will escape from you.
3. Money tests your **boundaries**. Do you stay within your budget? If you fail the boundaries test, you can easily be scammed or be ripped off by schemes of the devil.
4. Money tests your **restraints**. Do you use your credit card responsibly with the means of paying it off? Do you buy clothing, entertainment, or food beyond your means? A \$10,000 credit limit is not free money. You are entrusted to spend that maximum with the agreement that you will pay it back within 30 days. Later repayment accrues interest as with a loan. If you fail this restraint test, you will be saddled with the burden of debt with no support for any future trust.
5. Money tests your **loyalty**. Do you tithe into God's House? The tithe is not a tax or a penalty. It is an expression of loyalty. It expresses your loyalty to the house you belong to. If you belong to the Lions Club, Tennis Club, or Country Club, you bring in the dues as an expression of membership. If you fail the loyalty test, you will find others disloyal to you.

Let me dispel **incorrect** attitudes toward money.

1. *Money is evil.* False. The "love of money" leads to evil because the money is made more important than God.
2. *We don't need money.* False. If you live in any economy on earth, you will need money to trade, buy, and sell.
3. *God is not interested in money.* False. God is interested in *how you use money*.
4. *God does not want your money.* False. God wants money to be your expression of your love for Him not because He needs it. All the riches of the earth belong to Him.
5. *Money does not come from heaven.* False. Money comes from heavenly places if you are interacting with heaven and are open to receiving it in God's way. Money can come from unexpected places—lost inheritances, rewards, and bonuses.

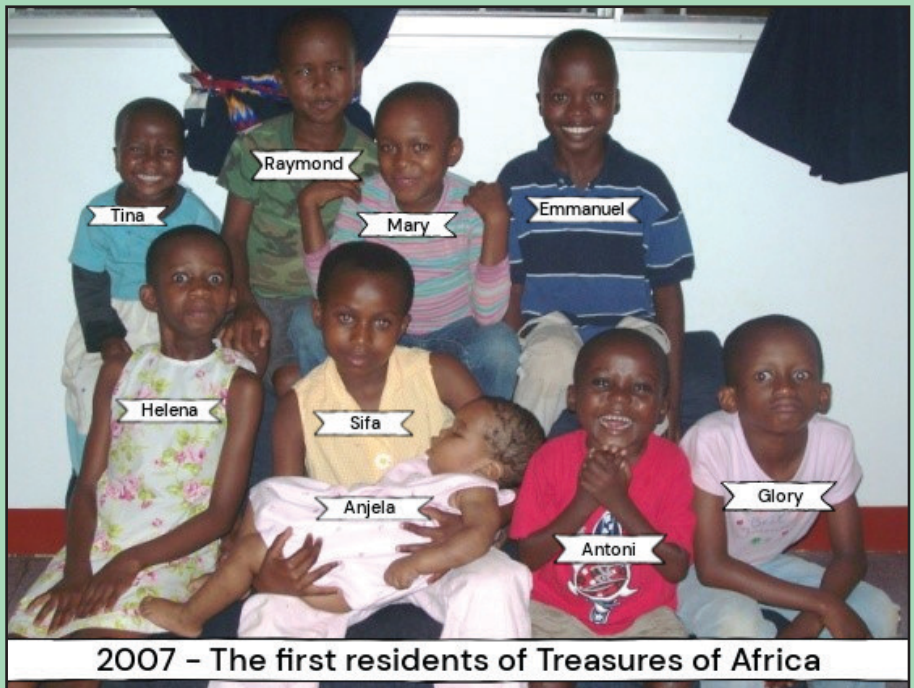
God does not need your money. He is waiting to bless you. Are you ready to receive?

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Every person who has ever made a charitable donation has had occasion to pause and wonder, "Will this gift actually do any good? Will it really be used for the purpose for which I am donating it?" These are valid questions in this day and age of scams and fraudsters. But we are happy to share GOOD NEWS with our donors – and report the progress of the children of Treasures of Africa to whom so much has been given over the past sixteen years.

Long before the gates of the orphanage (which we named "Treasures of Africa Children's Home") were opened in Moshi, Tanzania, in March of 2007, we had a vision to raise up leaders for the nation from among the orphaned and abandoned who lived in the shadow of majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Treasures of Africa had a humble beginning, starting with the nine children featured in the photo to the right. We thought it would be appropriate to give



you a report on the progress and whereabouts of these first children who were taken into Treasures of Africa early in 2007. Many children have followed them, and we will continue to give updates on their lives in each Victory Magazine. But the purpose of this article is to share about the original nine. We will begin with the story of the youngest of those first residents, a special little girl, named Anjela.



Anjela came to Treasures of Africa at 21 months of age with severe medical issues. She had been abandoned by her parents. She was blind, HIV positive and suffered from cerebral palsy. The doctors had given her a year to live because her health was so compromised. Through the loving and diligent care of the TOA missionaries and staff, Anjela lived for two and half more years before succumbing to pneumonia while hospitalized at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center. We thank God she is now whole, healthy, and enjoying the amazing sights of her heavenly home.

Mary was the very first child to walk through the gates of Treasures of Africa Children's Home. She was 7 years old. Her sister Sifa, who was two years older, joined her a few days later. They had lost their mother to what was believed to be a heart problem and were being cared for by an elderly grandmother in the village who had no financial means to send the girls to school. The grandma was also quite ill and unable to provide even the basics for the girls. From the time she arrived at TOA, Mary took seriously the challenge to study hard, trust God and believe that she could become anything – even the President of Tanzania.



Mary quickly became the most studious child in the house. This served her well as she progressed through Primary school and then Secondary school and onward to college. Mary graduated with a bachelor's degree in Microbiology and Immunology from Muhimbili University of Allied and Health Sciences in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 2022. This school is well respected as one of the best schools in the nation for those studying the medical sciences. She has spent the last year completing a required one-year internship in her field of study at the Agha Khan Hospital in Dar es Salaam. (see Mary's article on page 9) She just received the news that she was accepted into a master's degree program in Microbiology and Immunology at Muhimbili University. She will begin that two-year program in the Fall. Mary will be the

first of the Treasures of Africa to earn a master's degree. We are so thrilled at watching the progress of her life. With the continued help of our generous donors to the TOA KIDZ Education Fund, we will continue to take Mary as far as she can go academically.

Sifa arrived at Treasures of Africa a few days after her sister Mary. At the tender age of 9, Sifa had known a lot of sorrow in her young life. The loss of her mother was a terrible blow, and her father had not been part of her life. She felt very alone in the world. She had struggled to find food for herself, her younger sister, and her ailing grandmother. Their hunger drove them to steal food at one of the lowest points in their lives. That was a heavy burden to bear as a nine-year-old.



Treasures of Africa provided a sense of security that Sifa had not experienced in the first 9 years of her life, with consistent nutritious meals, clothing, and shelter. She began to attend school regularly. By the time Sifa finished Secondary School, she knew she wanted a career in which she could help others who had also experienced loss and hardship.

She chose to study Community Development, hoping to work for an organization that helped the most vulnerable members of society.

In December of 2022, Sifa graduated with a bachelor's degree in Community Development. She has been diligently searching for



work in her field. Currently she is serving in a volunteer capacity with an NGO in the Arusha area which gives micro-loans to impoverished women. Please pray for her to find a permanent position in which she can serve others with a reputable organization. Her dream is to work for the United Nations Refugee resettlement program.

Helena and Glory came to Treasures of Africa not long after Mary and Sifa. The two sisters were also aged 7 and 9 when they arrived. Their father had died, their mother was not around, and they had been living in the village with their ailing grandparents. They were in desperate need of a stable living situation. Both girls blossomed at Treasures of Africa.



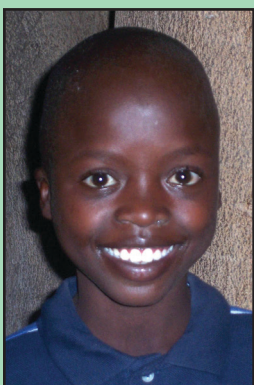
The girls proved to be diligent students. After graduation from Secondary School, Helena (pictured upper right) chose to study Pharmacy. She finished a three-year Diploma program in Pharmacy Studies and then joined the well-respected Kampala International University of Dar es Salaam where she is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in the same subject. Glory (pictured right) graduated from Advanced Secondary School and was accepted to Mzumbe University in Morogoro, Tanzania where she is currently studying Health Systems Management.



Emmanuel, Antoni and Sabitina were another set of siblings who joined the fledgling Treasures of Africa family in those first few months of TOA's existence. Their mother had traveled by bus from an outlying village to the town of Moshi to bring 4-year-old Antoni to the hospital. Antoni was very ill but unbeknownst to the family, the mother was even weaker and sicker than her son. She died at the hospital less than 24 hours after she arrived to obtain treatment for Antoni. Back in the village, 10-year-old Emmanuel and 3-year-old Sabitina awaited their mother's return. Sadly, they were never to see their mother alive again.



The Office of Social Welfare was notified that young Antoni (pictured above) was in the hospital and his mother had just passed away. They arranged for Antoni to come to Treasures of Africa temporarily, while they searched to find other relatives who might be able to care for him. Then it was discovered that Antoni had siblings in the village and eventually the three children were reunited at TOA. No one could tell us how long the children's father had been out of the picture, but his whereabouts were unknown. Treasures of Africa became their home, and all of the children began to attend school.



Emmanuel (pictured left and right) is now a student at the Mweka College of African Wildlife Management and hopes to become a Wildlife officer with the Tanzanian government agency that oversees the Wildlife Parks. Antoni, who has always shown a proclivity for tinkering with all things mechanical and electrical – successfully completed a certificate in Electrical Installation from Hai



Vocational School and hopes to attend Arusha Technical College in the Fall.

Sabitina (pictured left and right) always dreamed of owning her own hair salon since she was a little girl. She was the one other girls would ask to help them with their hair. Since there were no available vocational programs for hair styling during her high school years, she chose cooking /food production at her vocational school. Tina found that she really enjoyed baking and cooking. When she finished her certification program she decided she wanted to continue in school for culinary science. So we are helping her apply to an advanced course which will be 3 years in duration. She will be employable in restaurants or bakeries or be able to start her own small food business.



Raymond came to Treasures of Africa as a six-year-old who had lost both of his parents. Despite his tragic beginnings, Ray's irrepressible smile soon lit up the house. He spent hours riding and "repairing" bicycles or drawing pictures of cars and airplanes. His mechanical acumen became evident at an early age. When he graduated from Secondary School, he successfully completed a three-year program in Mechanical Engineering at Arusha Technical College. Desiring to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming an Aviation Mechanic, Raymond applied to the School of Aeronautics at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was accepted and completed a 12-month intensive program which led to an FAA certification in Airframe and Powerplant. He is now finishing his final credits to obtain an associate degree from Liberty University in December which will qualify him to participate in a program that allows him to work in the United States for one year to obtain hands on job experience before his Student Visa ends. Raymond has come a long way from that little boy tinkering with his bicycle at Treasures of Africa! We are very proud of him!



Editor's Note: All of the students mentioned in this article have been fully supported through the generosity of donors to Hidden with Christ Ministries. Their generous gifts over the last sixteen years have taken these precious children from Primary School to Secondary School and now to College and University level education. There is no doubt that the trajectory of their lives has been drastically altered forever through the generosity of so many! You can help us continue this great work by donating to the EDUCATION FUND at: www.treasuresofafrica.org/donate

Thank you for changing children's lives in Tanzania through your giving!

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MY INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

by

Mary Hamza Migiro

Bachelor of Laboratory Science in
Microbiology and Immunology

Hospital: Agha-Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam

Internship period: October 2022 to
October 2023

Introduction

From late 2022, after completion of my bachelor's degree studies at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), I was given the opportunity to join Agha Khan Hospital located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, for a yearlong internship. As an intern, I am gaining valuable experience in the field of clinical laboratory science. This short report outlines my experience as an intern and learning outcomes.

Internship Details

I began my 12-month internship at Agha Khan Hospital in October 2022, and it is scheduled to be completed in October 2023. I work with other interns and professionals/supervisors in various sections of the clinical laboratory under supervision.

My internship is focused on running clinical samples from Histology to Molecular section allowing me to develop my skills and experience in various areas of the laboratory. For each section, there is a supervisor that provides guidance and support to help complete tasks for clinician's requests. My internship is intended to cover the following sections:

1. Histology (Oct – Nov)
2. Microbiology (Dec – Jan)
3. Parasitology (Feb – Mar)
4. Clinical Chemistry (Apr – May)
5. Hematology (Jun – July)
6. Molecular diagnostic section (Aug – Sep)

For each section you encounter different tests, different samples and different diagnostic methods. There is a standing operating procedure in every section that helps to ensure that the results produced are accurate and reliable. So far, my internship experience at Agha Khan has been good. The laboratory is well-equipped with more modern tools, some of which I had not seen during my time in school.

Learning Outcomes

My internship has helped me develop a range of skills that will be valuable in my future career. These skills include time management, communication, and teamwork. I am gaining a better understanding of various fields of laboratory science which will be useful as I pursue further education. Additionally, I was able to develop my professional network by working with colleagues and connecting with professionals in the industry to learn more about the field of laboratory science.

Challenges and Solutions

My internship is coupled by some challenges that required me to find solutions. One challenge that I faced during my internship was leaving the hospital late after working afternoon shifts, which caused issues with finding transportation back home. To address this challenge, I requested to switch to morning shifts, which allowed me to sign out at 14:30, a more convenient time with fewer transportation challenges. This is not always the case, because sometimes, I am required to do afternoon shifts. By working through challenges, I am developing my problem-solving skills and gaining confidence in my ability to handle difficult tasks. I also have learned the importance of asking for help when needed and seeking advice from my supervisor or colleagues.



Conclusion

I am gaining valuable experience that has allowed me to develop skills and gain insight into the field, challenging me to grow personally and professionally. I'm obtaining knowledge and skills from this great experience that will help me advance both personally and professionally and it is laying a good foundation for my future education and profession.

Editor's Note: Mary was the very first child who came to live at Treasures of Africa Children's Home in Moshi, Tanzania when it was opened in March of 2007. She was 7 years old. Through her incredible diligence and hard work, she has progressed academically over the years and is scheduled to begin work on her master's degree in microbiology and immunology this Fall of 2023. Through the grace of God and the generosity of donors to the TOA KIDZ Education Fund of Hidden with Christ Ministries, this young lady has received an excellent education and is being trained to become a leader in her field and her nation! You can help other students like Mary in Tanzania by donating to the TOA KIDZ Education Fund. Your generosity will *Change a life – and change a nation!*

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*Mary Holt
Operations Manager
Hidden with Christ Ministries*

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THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF GIVING

By Rita Langeland

Over the course of more than two decades of learning to trust God for finances to do the work of Hidden with Christ Ministries, I have both observed and experienced what I can only describe as “the miraculous power of giving.” I believe it is a spiritual law that God has set in motion in the earth for the benefit of both the giver and the receiver.

GIVING IMPACTS THE GIVER

Many people do not realize how often the Bible addresses the subjects of money, giving and generosity. Hundreds of scripture verses dealing with these subjects can be found in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus stated plainly that the giver is more blessed than the receiver, while the book of Proverbs outlines a multitude of benefits that come to generous givers including prosperity, blessings, never facing lack, and being repaid by God Himself.



The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.

**J.L. Kraft
Founder
Kraft Foods, Inc.**

“...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
Acts 20:35b

The generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

One who gives to the poor will never lack anything, But one who shuts his eyes will have many curses. Proverbs 28:27

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17

One well-known figure in the business world proved the truth of these scriptures during his lifetime. The man’s name was J.L. Kraft, and he was the founder of Kraft Foods Inc. He donated approximately 25% of his enormous income to Christian causes for many years, and famously said, “The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.”

Similarly, another businessman found that giving to God’s purposes always resulted in increase in his business. R.G. Letourneau was born in 1888 and quit school at the age of 13. But the man had a brilliant engineering mind and eventually became a multi-millionaire through his 300 patented inventions of machines and heavy equipment. During World War II, the U.S. Army utilized thousands of his earth moving machines to build roads and air strips which helped the Allies shorten the war. Letourneau was a generous giver who often repeated his now famous quote, “I shovel [money] out, and God shovels it back... but God has a bigger shovel!”

GIVING IMPACTS THE RECEIVER


The person who is on the receiving end of another's generosity is often impacted in a "lifesaving" way. In the tenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke we find the familiar story of the Good Samaritan. His compassion and generosity saved a man's life after other people had seen yet ignored the man's desperate need. The Good Samaritan stopped and rescued him, carrying him on his donkey to a place where he could be cared for until he recovered from injuries inflicted by robbers. At Hidden with Christ Ministries we have seen the generosity of our donors save a person's life by providing vitally needed medical care, give hope to the hopeless and lift up the downtrodden.

Generosity ALWAYS impacts the life of the receiver, often far more than the giver even realizes! After one Pastor's Conference sponsored by Hidden with Christ Ministries in Tanzania, an African pastor told us he had planned to quit the ministry forever because he was so deeply discouraged. But he kept his promise to accompany another pastor to our conference before resigning from his church. God used the generosity of the HWC donors who sponsored that conference to revive this demoralized pastor when he attended. Twenty years later, that pastor is still in the ministry and has won many to the Lord.

We can list several of the orphans who came to Treasures of Africa Children's Home in medically compromised conditions who would have died if they had not received the medical care, nutrition and love they were given when they first arrived at TOA. The miraculous power of giving can be a lifesaver for the receiver!

TWO BIBLICAL ATTITUDES ABOUT GIVING

One dear friend of this ministry, when thanked for his gift, reminded me that everything we give away originally came from God Himself. He told me that he personally subscribed to the position that "We give out of the hand of God." This is a scriptural attitude which was first expressed by King David when he prayed over the gifts that had been donated to help build the temple in Jerusalem. King David prayed to the Lord:

A quote in a speech bubble. The bubble is white with a blue outline and is set against a light red rectangular background. The text inside the bubble is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.


**The gift is not
from me. It is
from our
heavenly Father.
I'm only the
clerk who
redirects the
funds.**

**A generous supporter of
Hidden With Christ Ministries**

But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given to You. (1 Chron. 29:14)

Another generous donor responded this way when I thanked him for a donation the ministry received. He made this humble yet profound statement: "The gift is not from me. It is from our heavenly Father. I'm only the clerk who redirects the funds."

I have learned so much from the multitude of "cheerful givers" who have helped Hidden with Christ Ministries and Treasures of Africa for more than two decades. I have witnessed the miraculous power giving has had on people's lives around the world. And I have observed the miraculous blessings that God has poured out on the givers. May we all seek to become "clerks" who redirect the funds God places into our hands.



**The Lord will
guide you always;
He will satisfy your needs
in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen
your frame.
*You will be like
a well-watered garden,
like a spring
whose waters never fail.***

Isaiah 58:11 NIV