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Heart to Heart

*with
Rita Langeland*

For me, the start of a new year brings a sense of release from the past year’s challenges and the opportunity for new things to take place. Last year was a challenging year for the ministry. But God helped us every step of the way and our faithful prayer partners and generous supporters stood with us to bring 2025 to a good conclusion. We are grateful to God for each and every one of you!

As we look forward, we have new faces joining us in the office, bringing both youthful energy and new ideas! It is a blessing to raise up a new generation to help carry the vision of Hidden with Christ Ministries forward.

In Tanzania, we welcomed Glory Ngowi to a full-time position as Administrative Assistant in our Moshi office. She works side by side with Faith Kaluse, our long-time Administrator, and Sunday Joseph, our Project Coordinator. Glory was raised up in this ministry, having been a resident at Treasures of Africa since she was 7 years old until her Secondary School graduation. Just over a year ago, she earned her bachelor’s degree from Mzumbe University in Morogoro. She volunteered full-time during December 2025 and then became an official staff member in January 2026. We are thrilled to have Glory as a part of the team. She is a diligent worker with great organizational skills and possesses both a tender heart and vision for the ministry. She played a key role in ensuring the successful execution of the Annual TOA Christmas Banquet held in December. Please read her excellent article on pages 3-4.



GLORY NGOWI



**ANDEEJOYE
LANGELAND**

In our USA office in Lynchburg, Virginia, we welcomed AndeeJoye Langeland to the team. She has been volunteering for the past year, helping in the office during her free time. A high school junior, AndeeJoye, began working part-time as an Admin Assistant in January. Her parents (Andy and Jaimee) were missionaries to Ukraine as a part of “Operation Lazarus” under HWCM. So, her earliest memories are from that mission field. After returning from Ukraine, her father, Andy, served as the Media Director for Hidden with Christ for many years. He is now pursuing a PhD while his daughter takes up the mantle for Hidden with Christ Ministries. She brings youthful exuberance as well as many ideas on how we can expand our footprint on social media to her generation. She accompanied me on my latest trip to Tanzania in November/December. She wrote an article sharing her “teenage perspective” on pages 11-12.

I believe that 2026 will be “The Year of Moving Forward” for both this ministry and our partners. I encourage you to read the article on pages 17-18 in which I share that vision for this new year. Thank you for standing with us during 2025, and I am excited to see what God will do for you in 2026!

Karibuni **Treasures of Africa** **KIDZ** **Annual Christmas Banquet**

by Glory Ngowi
Administrative Assistant
HWCM Office – Moshi, Tanzania

The Treasures of Africa Christmas Banquet is a special annual event organized by Hidden with Christ Ministries to celebrate the children and students supported through the Treasures of Africa KIDZ Education Project. Each year, this gathering brings together TOA students, graduates, foster parents, staff, government Social Welfare representatives and HWCM Board Members to reflect on God’s faithfulness, celebrate achievements, and share joy during the Christmas season.



TOA KIDZ enjoying the Christmas feast



University grad Magdalena speaking at the TOA BANQUET

This year marked the fifth annual Treasures of Africa reunion banquet, and it was truly the most memorable one yet. We were blessed to celebrate more graduates than in any previous year, representing different academic levels including Primary, Secondary, Vocational School, College, and University. Their success is a powerful testimony of commitment, perseverance, and the impact of consistent generous educational support.

One of the highlights of the banquet, as always, was the clothing table, which is a favorite among both the children and their foster parents. This year, the table was more bountiful than ever before, thanks to a generous donation from Mama Christina Oberst’s church, Regeneration Nashville, in the United States. The abundance of clothing brought excitement to the children and gratitude from the families and added to the joy of the celebration.



Clothing distribution table at the Christmas Banquet

In the spirit of Christmas, the children also received Christmas stockings filled with candy and school supplies. In preparation for the new school year, the children also received brand-new backpacks, giving them confidence, excitement and readiness for school. Foster parents also received food packages for the Christmas season, which were received with gratitude and joy.



Christmas Stocking Distribution



Maria receiving her Secondary School graduation award

Another special moment during the event was the presentation of cash prizes for academic excellence and recognition of graduates from each education level. These awards served as encouragement to the students, motivating them to continue working hard and striving for excellence in their studies.



Christmas Food Parcel Distribution

Throughout the event, there was a strong sense of joy and anticipation among the students. Many of them look forward to this banquet each year, as it is a time to reunite, celebrate milestones, and feel appreciated. One foster parent shared, "We are truly grateful for how big this project has become and for the impact it continues to have on our children. This year, we have seen many graduates, and we believe they will achieve their dreams, serve their communities and contribute positively to the development of our nation."

The Treasures of Africa Christmas Banquet is more than just a celebration; it is a reflection of the mission of Hidden with Christ Ministries to demonstrate God's love in action. As we look back on this year's banquet, we are reminded of the importance of community, generosity, and faith in shaping a hopeful future for the children we serve.



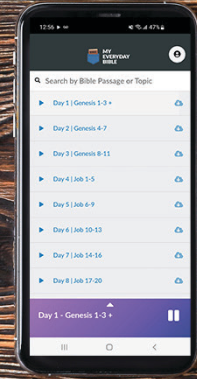
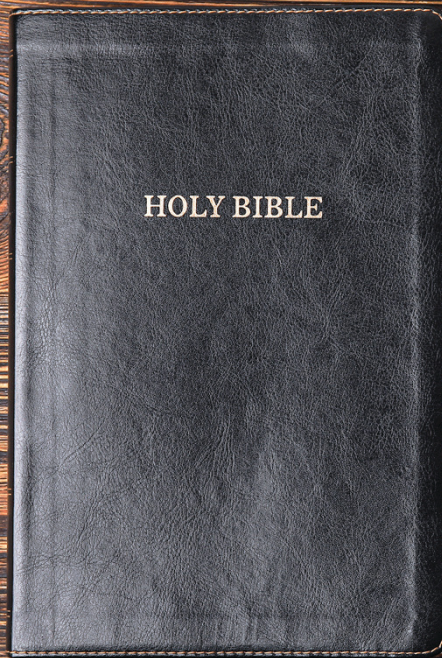
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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

By Pastor David Langeland

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A Testimonial
from

**The
Philippines**

January 2026

I have been using your My Everyday Bible app since August 2018, and it has truly been a blessing in my life. Through this app, I came to know the Word of God more deeply and developed a more intimate relationship with the Lord. I also use it to teach my children the Word of God. They are using the app as well, along with some of my friends and family. Actually, I believe I've finished reading the Bible from cover to cover almost 5 times now, all because of your app. It has truly been instrumental in deepening my walk with the Lord. It's also my go-to app whenever I'm in need of encouragement, and up to this day, I still listen to it regularly.

I'm excited to hear about the upcoming revamp of My Everyday Bible and will continue to support and pray for this project. Your resources have truly been a blessing in my walk with the Lord.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and for the work you do in spreading God's Word.

Joan Ting - The Philippines

A page from my
African Journal

by
Rita Langeland
Executive Director
Hidden with Christ Ministries



It was December 3rd, 2025 and I was sitting in an auditorium on the campus of Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. As we waited for the ceremony to begin, my mind drifted back to a scene etched in my memory from eighteen years ago.

I recalled the hollow look on the little girl's face as she sat in front of her mud brick house in a quiet east African village. Her brown eyes looked both hungry and scared. Yet, somehow, I detected a bit of curiosity mixed with a flicker of hope in those young eyes.

Her name was Mary and she was seven years old. Both of her parents were dead, and she and her older sister lived with their sick grandmother, who some days could not get out of bed to find them food or make sure they went to school. On occasion, the girls had to steal food just to survive and help grandma live to see another day.



Mary in the village 2007



2025 Muhimbili University Award Ceremony

On that particular day, Mary would willingly choose to come and live at the newly opened Treasures of Africa Children's Home, in the town of Moshi, Tanzania. And it would change her life forever.

Flashing back to the present, I knew what I was witnessing this day in a University auditorium was nothing short of a miracle. That little girl from the village, now a young adult, was standing on a University stage, receiving an award for being a top

student in the Master's Degree program for Microbiology and Immunology. That early hunger had turned to fierce determination. Combined with a deep faith that God could do the impossible in her life and an incredible work ethic, Mary had achieved a level of education that statistics declared was highly improbable for an orphan in Tanzania.

The joy that surged through me as I watched her walk across the stage to receive that award brought tears to my eyes. God had indeed done a miracle for her.

I could not help but think of all the people who contributed over the past eighteen years to supply the funds needed to house, feed, clothe, care for and educate that one little girl from the village. Now she is applying for positions as a lecturer/researcher in universities across Tanzania with high recommendations from her professors. Her goal is to continue on to attain a PhD after working a few years in immunological research and teaching.

Two things became evident to me that day. First, Mary's life has been radically transformed by consistent generosity and the prayers of so many people for so many years. And secondly, the dream we have held on to that the Treasures of Africa KIDZ would one day become leaders in their nation in every field – is becoming reality.

Thank you for being a part of Mary's story and the stories still being written about our other TOA KIDZ, who are currently students in Primary and Secondary Schools, Vocational Training Programs and Colleges and Universities.

If you would like to help these students continue in school – please consider donating to our TOA KIDZ Education Fund. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL TRANSFORM A LIFE – JUST LIKE MARY'S!

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Mary on graduation day in Dar es Salaam, TZ



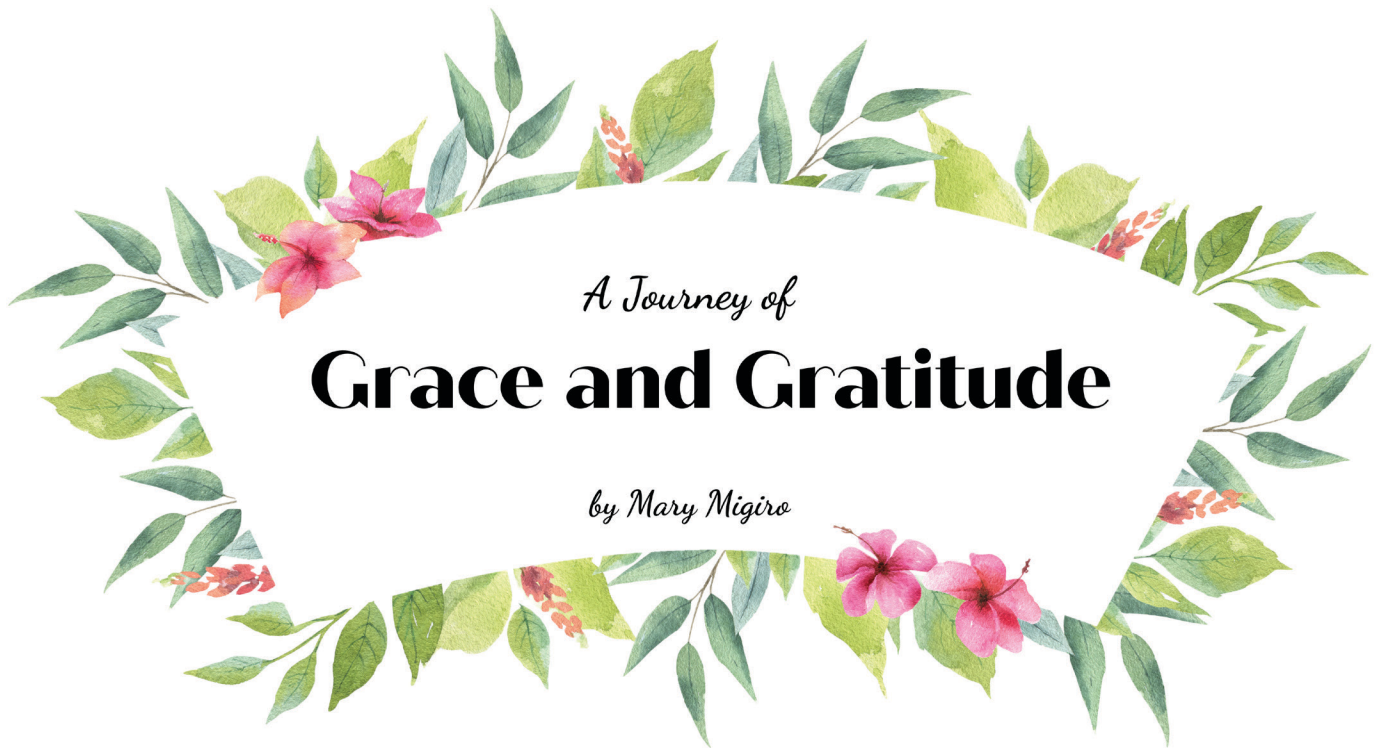
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A Journey of
Grace and Gratitude

by Mary Migiro

I first arrived at Treasures of Africa as a little child of just seven years old, young, curious, and unaware of how profoundly my life was about to change. At that time, the one thing I deeply desired was education. I remember sharing this simple but heartfelt dream with Mama Rita, believing that education was the only path that could truly help me change my life. I did not understand sponsorship or long-term plans, but I knew that learning was my hope. As time went on, I began to see real changes in my life. Doors that once felt closed slowly opened, and I was given the opportunity to go to school. Step by step, through care, guidance, and unwavering support, Treasures of Africa became more than a place of help, it became a family that nurtured my dreams, believed in my potential, and walked with me as those dreams began to take shape.

Growing up under the care and guidance of Treasures of Africa shaped not only my education but also my character. Through every school year, challenge, and milestone, I was reminded that I was not walking alone. There were donors who prayed, gave generously, and trusted that their support would plant seeds for a better future. Because of them, education stopped being a distant wish and became a real and achievable path.

Today, I am deeply pleased to share that I have successfully completed a Master of Science in Microbiology and Immunology, emerging as the best student in my cohort, an achievement that reflects years of dedication. This achievement is not mine alone. It is the fruit of years of sacrifice, encouragement, and unwavering support from Treasures of Africa and its donors. From a seven-year-old child with big dreams to a postgraduate scientist, this journey stands as a testimony of what is possible when compassion meets opportunity.



**Mary at Treasures of Africa
in 2008**

This sponsorship has transformed my life in profound ways. It has equipped me with knowledge and skills that extend far beyond the classroom. More importantly, it has given me a strong sense of responsibility to give back. The education I have received is not only meant to change my personal story, but also to serve as a catalyst for uplifting my family, supporting my relatives, and contributing meaningfully to the community back in my village. I now carry the hope of being part of solutions, especially in improving health, awareness, and opportunities for others.

As I reflect on this journey, one truth stands out clearly: **“It is only by grace that I have come this far.”** God’s grace, expressed through the love and generosity of Treasures of Africa and its donors, has carried me through every stage.

To every donor, supporter, and member of the Treasures of Africa family, thank you. Your belief in a young child changed the course of my life. I hope my journey encourages you and reassures you that your investment is bearing fruit, not only in my life, but in the lives of many others who will be touched through what you have made possible.

Be blessed always.



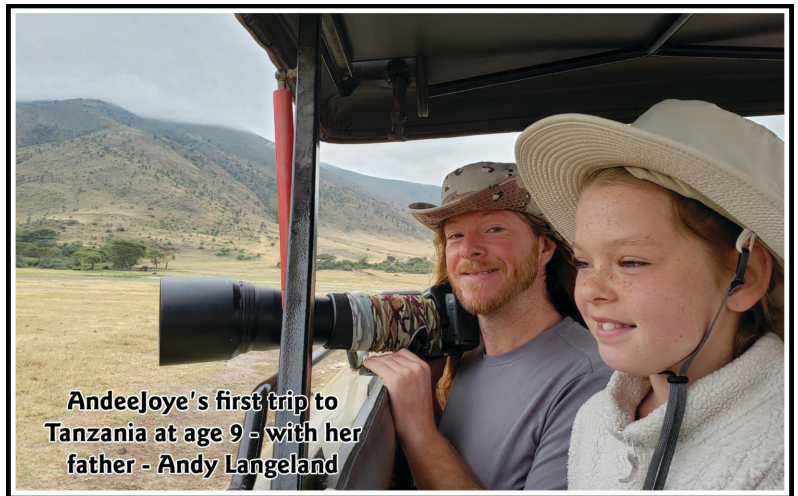
**Mary Migiro in the laboratory at Aga Khan Hospital
in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

A Teenage Perspective on **Ministry in Tanzania**

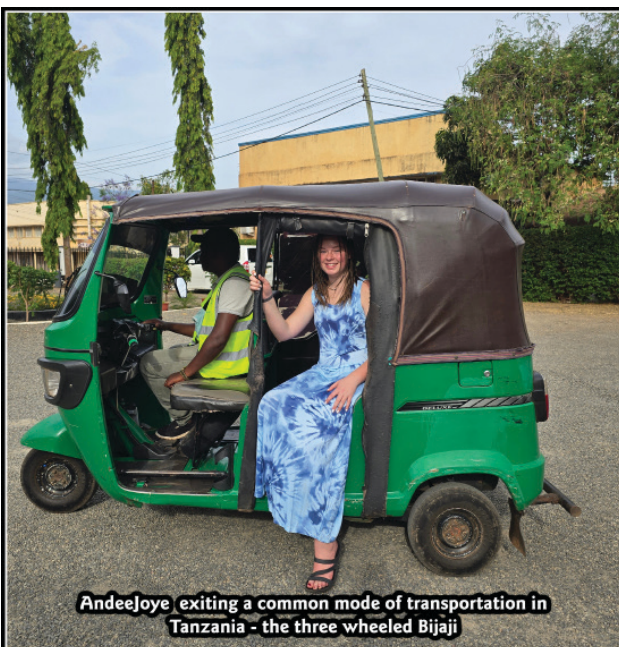
BY ANDEEJOYE LANGELAND

This wasn't my first trip to Tanzania, but in many ways, it felt like it was. The first time I stepped foot on Tanzanian soil was nearly a decade ago. As a young child, I did not grasp the intense gravity, significance, or hardships of working in Tanzania. However, this experience was much different; the sacrifices and deep care for the people of Tanzania that have been given by the Hidden with Christ Ministries team became so evident to me that it brings me to tears even now.

In America, we are all accustomed to quick service, clean bathrooms, and air conditioning, or in one simple word, COMFORT. But in Tanzania, it is HOT, EVERYTHING takes a long time, and the bathrooms are NOT American. Despite these hardships, I witnessed a depth of joy and resilience lived out daily, not in comfort, but in perseverance, humility, and unwavering compassion. And it reshaped my perception of what it truly means to serve and to love others.



AndeeJoye's first trip to Tanzania at age 9 - with her father - Andy Langeland



AndeeJoye exiting a common mode of transportation in Tanzania - the three wheeled Bijaji

One thing that struck me was how hard everyday life is for so many people in Tanzania. Simple tasks that I barely think about, such as getting water, preparing food, and traveling from place to place, require significant time, effort, and lots of patience. (And even a level of courage just to ride in the common mode of transportation called a bijaji!) Daily life in Tanzania is physically demanding, and there are few conveniences to ease the burden. Yet, despite these challenges, people must continue their daily routines. Observing all of this made me more aware of how much I take for granted. As quoted to me several times by Pastor Kioko, "In Africa, life is your workout."

During the trip, I was happy to have the chance to spend time with Mary, Magdalena, and Glory, all recent college graduates from Treasures of Africa, Mary having just received her Master's degree. They were among the top students in their classes, having worked tirelessly for years to earn their degrees despite limited resources and countless



Celebrating with three TOA College Grads - (L to R) Mary, Magdalena and Glory

obstacles. Even with their academic achievements placing them among the elite 3% of college-educated Tanzanians, they were exceedingly kind, welcoming, and humble, never using their success to elevate themselves above others. Their dedication to education and creating successful lives for themselves deeply impressed me, and spending time with them transformed my understanding of perseverance and humility.

During the trip, I was also blessed to spend a substantial amount of time with Pastor Kioko, and I have felt his impact on my life every day since. He shared many valuable lessons and stories from "the early days" of the ministry.

His wisdom and unwavering faith are immense, and his dedication of both time and resources to Hidden with Christ Ministries was incredibly inspiring to me. Throughout our journeys, across the country to attend Mary's graduation in Dar es Salaam and then on to Kenya to catch a flight home, he supported us in countless ways and gave me a constant sense of peace and safety. I am deeply thankful for him, and I aspire to live with the same faith, humility, and selflessness that he demonstrates through everything he does.



Sharing dinner in Tanzania with Pastor Kioko and Rita Langeland

Though we live in a time when acting on our faith in God can prove difficult, the members of Hidden With Christ Ministries go against the current every day, actively sacrificing their time, money, personal desires, and comfort. The work that is being done is truly invaluable and will change the course of history forever. I am so grateful to the team in Tanzania, especially Faith Kaluse, Sunday Joseph, and Pastor Kioko, along with all the former missionaries from the USA, for standing so faithfully with my Grandmother, Rita Langeland, in this effort to fulfill the words of James 1:27, which says that true religion is to care for the orphans and widows of our world.

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

James 1:27 NLT

HARVEST

Celebrating a Fruitful Harvest of Graduates

By Faith Kaluse

Administrator – HWCM office – Moshi, Tanzania

As we look at the year that has just closed, we celebrated a harvest of graduates unlike any other we have experienced at Treasures of Africa KIDZ Education Project. The number of graduates is greater than ever before, and each one of them represents a story of perseverance, resilience, and hope. From Primary School to Post-graduate studies, our children, young men and women have overcome challenges, embraced opportunities, and pursued their dreams with determination. Their achievements remind us of the power of faith, support, and hard work, and they inspire us to continue investing in the potential of every child.



Hellen & Karen

We are proud to celebrate Hellen and Karen, who successfully completed their Primary School education and joined Secondary School in January this year. Their journey into the next level of learning marks a new chapter of growth, learning, and opportunity, and we are proud of their dedication and progress.



Maria

Maria's life is a powerful testimony of God's grace. After losing her mother at birth, she came to live at Treasures of Africa at just one day old. Today, we give God all the glory as Maria has graduated from Secondary School. She now dreams of pursuing a Diploma in Accounting and Finance at a Business college. We are grateful to see how far God has brought her.



Ezekiel

Ezekiel, an orphan, was referred to us by a Social Welfare Officer four years ago. He had spent several months out of school due to lack of school fees. With the support of the TOA KIDZ Education Project, he returned to school and successfully completed his Secondary education in 2025. Ezekiel now hopes to continue his studies by enrolling in college to pursue a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.



Awadhi

Awadhi's profound hearing impairment has not stopped him from achieving his dream. In 2025, he completed a two-year baking program at the Usa River Rehabilitation and Training Center (URRTC) and proudly received his certificate. His teacher praised his exceptional practical baking skills. We are now excited to support Awadhi as he prepares to start a small bakery business near his foster parents' home and look forward to all that the future holds for him.



Samweli

Sam has been a part of the TOA family since he was four years old. After completing his Secondary education in 2022, he joined Machame Health Training Institute. He earned a Diploma in Clinical Medicine and graduated as a Clinical Officer in October 2025. Samweli has a compassionate heart for helping others and is now volunteering at a local health center, where he is dedicated to caring for the sick and serving his community with commitment and kindness. Please pray for an open door for employment as a Clinical Officer for Sam.



Kipson

Kipson is a young man from the Maasai community who has shown great determination and commitment to education. From an early age, he dreamed of becoming a health professional, a goal that motivated him to pursue training in the health field. He studied for a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Sciences at Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy, where he successfully completed his studies. Kipson graduated and has since taken an important step in his career by securing employment at a local pharmacy in Moshi town. His journey reflects perseverance, hard work, and the positive impact of education.

Nyerere



Born into the Maasai community, where education is often not seen as a priority, Nyerere chose to challenge those cultural expectations and rewrite his story. Refusing to allow tradition or circumstance to limit his dreams, he pursued education with courage and determination. In 2023, he joined Moshi Co-operative University to study for a Diploma in Accounting and Finance, graduating successfully in December 2025. Nyerere's journey is a powerful testimony that education can transform lives and communities. He is continuing his studies in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. As an emerging accountant, he will be positioned to bring financial knowledge, integrity, and empowerment to his Maasai community, opening doors for others to believe that education is not a loss of culture, but a tool for progress and sustainable development.

Magdalena



Magdalena has been part of the TOA family since she was 4 years old. She joined Mzumbe University in October 2022 after completing her secondary education, pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Health Systems Management with a specialization in Monitoring and Evaluation. Mzumbe University, one of Tanzania’s top government universities, demands discipline, perseverance, and academic excellence. From the very beginning, she distinguished herself through perseverance and hard work, consistently achieving outstanding academic results. Her hard work paid off when she graduated in November 2025 with First Class honors. Magdalena’s success reflects her inner strength and dedication. As she steps into the future, she carries with her the potential to transform health systems and touch countless lives through informed, data-driven decision-making. Please pray for her as she pursues employment in a challenging Tanzanian marketplace.

Emmanuel



Emmanuel’s journey has been marked by challenges, but through determination and support, he rose above them. He joined Kampala International University, Dar es Salaam Campus, where he pursued a Bachelor’s Degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences. He graduated in December 2025, and this year he is completing his internship at Muhimbili National Referral Hospital as a Pharmacist. Emmanuel has demonstrated professionalism, resilience, and a deep passion for learning. His aspiration to one day become a university lecturer reflects his desire not only to practice pharmacy but also to shape and inspire future generations in the medical and academic fields.

Mary



Mary is our “first fruit,” a former Treasures of Africa resident and the very first child welcomed into the home. She represents the roots of the vision and the power of believing in a child’s potential. Her journey from a young resident of the orphanage to a scholar of excellence is nothing short of extraordinary. In December 2025, Mary graduated from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences with a Master of Science in Microbiology and Immunology, earning recognition as the best student in her class. Her achievement is a powerful reflection of perseverance, faith, and excellence. Mary’s life continues to inspire a new generation to dream boldly, work diligently, and serve the world with excellence.

We are deeply grateful to all our donors whose unwavering support has made this incredible harvest possible. Your generosity has transformed lives, opened doors to education and opportunity, and empowered these young people to pursue their dreams. Each success story is a testament to your commitment and belief in the potential of every child, and we celebrate this remarkable fruitfulness together with you.

Thank you for your continued support in 2026!

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2026 - THE YEAR TO MOVE FORWARD

Even if it looks impossible!

By Rita Langeland

In the Old Testament, we find the story of the children of Israel surviving 400 brutal years of slavery in Egypt. The Book of Exodus narrates how Moses led them out of that land after a series of seven devastating supernatural plagues convinced a stubborn Pharaoh to let them go.

There is no doubt that great rejoicing took place as the Israelites marched out of Egypt. They were finally free! Carrying all their earthly possessions along with gold and silver given to them by the Egyptian people who were desperate for the horrible plagues to end, they probably danced as they headed out. But the joyful shouts stopped suddenly when the thunderous sound of an approaching army of horses, chariots and foot soldiers reached their ears. Pharaoh had changed his mind (again) and decided he could not allow his free labor force to leave the country. So, he sent his army to recapture his former slaves and drag them back to Egypt.

Moses and the estimated 1 million Israelites were in a desperate situation. The vast Red Sea was in front of them, Pharaoh's army was hot on their trail, and not one of the men in their group was a trained soldier or carried weapons of any kind. What on earth could they do?

When the people of Israel cried out to God (Exodus 14:10) the Lord instructed Moses to tell them to do something that sounded nonsensical to the human mind.

*The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me?
Tell the sons of Israel to move forward [toward the sea].
Exodus 14:15 Amplified*

God instructed Moses to have the people STOP CRYING and MOVE FORWARD toward the impossible barrier (the Red Sea) that stood before them. They had no boats to convey them over that body of water, and they certainly couldn't swim across – so there appeared no rational reason to move toward the Red Sea. As far as they could figure – they would be trapped with nowhere to go, and the Egyptian army would soon be upon them.

If you have walked with God for any length of time, you may have noticed something about His ways. He loves to deliver His people from difficulty and danger, but He requires the **agreement and trust** of those He helps. We see this principle throughout the Bible. Consider the following two scriptures.

Amos 3:3 asks this rhetorical question: **Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?** (NLT) If you are going to walk with God and receive His help – you must agree to go in the direction He specifies, even if it looks ridiculous to you or makes you look foolish to others!

Proverbs 3:5-6 lays out three simple steps required to receive God's specific guidance:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (NKJV)*

According to this scripture, to receive God's divine direction, He requires 1) **complete trust** in Him 2) a **willingness to surrender our natural minds** in favor of His supernatural wisdom 3) a **willingness to acknowledge His superior ways** in every area of our lives. If we continually choose this lifestyle - God promises to direct our paths.

Even if you are the smartest person in the room, you will never be as wise/all-knowing/or able to see the future as God. That is why it is never foolish to surrender your decisions in life to God's wisdom. The wise person chooses to follow God's ideas over his own.

Moses was such a man. He immediately followed the instruction God gave him without argument and ordered the Israelites to **move forward** toward the Red Sea. Because of this trust and obedience, God supernaturally intervened in the Israelites' impossible situation.

God did a series of **four miracles** that saved the Israelites. **First**, He caused the pillar of cloud that had been leading the Israelites to stand between them and the Egyptian army, so that it became pitch black to the enemy, but was light for God's people. The Egyptians could not see a thing and did not move another step toward Israel all night. (Exodus 14:19-20) **Secondly**, God had Moses stretch out his staff toward the sea and the waters began to divide. The water became like two walls, and dry ground appeared so that the Israelites could walk through the Red Sea. (Exodus 14:21-22) **Thirdly**, when morning came and the Egyptians decided to chase after the Israelites, Exodus 14:25 tells us that God **"took off their chariot wheels."** **Lastly**, God again had Moses stretch out his rod over the sea, and God caused **"the sea to return to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea."** (Exodus 14:27) These miracles were a direct result of Moses being willing to **MOVE FORWARD** toward the very barrier that seemed to block his way.

God is calling you to **MOVE FORWARD** toward fulfilling His will for your life in 2026. Every single person has a divine assignment from God during their lifetime. It is the purpose for which you were created. God wants you to MOVE FORWARD toward that purpose, even if it looks impossible!

All of us are at different stages in life. Some are in the DISCOVERY PHASE. You are still trying to discover God's divine assignment for you. Some are in the PREPARATION PHASE. You have a sense of what God is calling you to do, most likely not the full revelation of it, but God will reveal it as you take steps to obey Him during your preparation phase. Some are in the ASSIGNMENT PHASE – you have begun walking in the assignment God purposed for you since you were in your mother's womb. But even in this phase, you must be careful to listen to and obey every instruction from the Lord (just like Moses did) to be able to fully complete God's assignment for you on this earth, before you die.

A common reason people do not move forward in their lives is because they are still mourning past disappointments. This may involve **disappointment with people** (what others did or did not do), **disappointment with self** (what you did or did not do) or **disappointment with circumstances** (what should have happened but didn't, or what happened that should not have happened). Remaining focused on any of these disappointments will immobilize you – and prevent you from moving forward.

How do you get free from past disappointments? Everything in life involves CHOICE. You can choose to follow God or not. You can choose to forgive people who have hurt you or not. You can also choose to surrender every disappointment you have ever experienced to God – or you can choose to continue to mourn those disappointments. Your choice will determine whether you move forward in 2026 or whether you remain stuck.

If you desire to move forward – but need help releasing disappointments – then I encourage you to do the following:

1. Ask God for His grace to help you (grace provides supernatural power to do things God's way)
2. See yourself taking each and every past disappointment and laying it at Jesus' feet
3. Pray – "Lord, I surrender each disappointment I have experienced in others/in myself/ and in past circumstances into your care. I also choose to forgive every person who has hurt or disappointed me including myself. I refuse to meditate on past hurts, disappointments or failures any longer. From today forward **I choose to turn my back on past disappointments**, and **I choose to move forward** toward your divine assignment for my life. Now I ask You to reveal to me the first step I should take to move forward this year."

Once you have prayed, you can take the first step toward the impenetrable-looking barrier. Apply for the "impossible job." Submit the application you are sure will be rejected. Start/continue writing that book even though you can't see how you will have the time to complete it. Make steps toward starting your own business. Do whatever it is that God directs you to do even if it looks foolish. Remember, He can move mountains, take off the enemy's chariot wheels or part the Red Sea on your behalf. **STOP CRYING over past disappointments** and **MOVE FORWARD in 2026!**

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Isaiah 43:2