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# Won't You Be My Neighbor?

By Rita Langeland



Many of you reading this article may recall the children's television program entitled, "Mister Roger's Neighborhood," which was broadcast in the USA for over three decades. The opening song of that program was such a "catchy tune" that to this day it is easy for me to remember. The final stanza of the song posed three simple questions: *Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?*

That final question, "Won't you be my neighbor?" always makes me think of Jesus' teaching about loving your neighbor found in the Gospel of Luke.

A man came to Jesus and asked Him a deep theological question. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied with a question, asking what the man saw written in the scriptures. The man responded by quoting two passages from the book of Deuteronomy.

***He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."*** (Luke 10:27)

Jesus commended the man on his answer and told him to do exactly what the scriptures instructed and he would live. But the man wanted clarification on the "neighbor" issue.

***...so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*** (Luke 10:29)

Jesus told the man a story, familiar even to unbelievers today, and often called the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus narrated the tale of a man who traveled from Jerusalem to Jericho and was attacked by robbers. He was beaten, robbed, stripped of his clothes and left for dead. Three different men came upon the injured man lying by the roadside. The first two, both religious men, glanced at the man, but continued their journeys without stopping to help. The third man, from a region known as Samaria, and despised by the religious Jews, stopped immediately. He bandaged the man's wounds, lifted him onto his own donkey, and took him to an Inn where he cared for him. The next day, he gave money to the innkeeper and instructed him to take care of the man until he returned.

Then Jesus asked the inquirer this probing question.

***"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"*** (Luke 10:36)

Despite his cultural prejudice against Samaritans, the man gave Jesus an honest answer.

***"The one who had mercy on him."*** Jesus told him, ***"Go and do likewise."*** (Luke 10:37)

As Christians, we are also expected to ***"...go and do likewise."*** Our faithful Treasures of Africa KIDZ sponsors are doing exactly that. They are mercifully caring for students in Tanzania who are unable to help themselves obtain an education. By doing so, they are strengthening them and preparing them to fulfill their God-given destiny.

Please read the article on page 7 entitled, *Won't You Be My Sponsor?* And consider becoming a loving neighbor to a child in Tanzania!

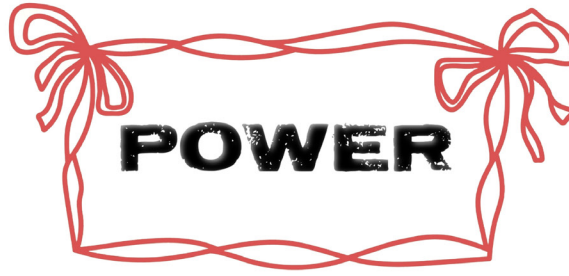
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HWCM FAITH QUOTES 2026



by Dr. Marcia Chang Vogl

***For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.***  
2 Timothy 1:7

A **spirit of fear** is operating in the earthly realm. God did NOT put it here. Satan foments the spirit of fear to keep us from fulfilling God's purpose. What is God's antidote?

**Love:** Love IS Jesus. He was the gift to mankind to redeem us from the condemnation of sin. If you are afraid of Jesus, you cannot accept His love. It's time to quit thinking love is warm fuzzies or good feelings. Love is the Cross of Jesus Christ: strong and bloody. **Worship** to stay connected with Jesus. "He is Lord."

**Power:** We have been given the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gives us power and authority to direct our lives and choose how we want to align our lives. We experience the blessings or the bad consequences of our choices. You are not a powerless victim.

Learn to listen to the Holy Spirit. Don't let the world's clamor drown out the "still, small voice." The Holy Spirit can speak through others, through an experience, or even a car license plate. Listen with all your senses and not just your ears.

**Sound Mind:** The Word of God (from the Father's mouth) gives us guidelines, commandments, warnings, and wisdom to make decisions. When we make decisions within the context of that wisdom, we can be creative, and more than we can be on our own. "The Lord is my Shepherd." Study the word so that you can remember it when you are under pressure.

You need to practice accessing this Love, Power, and a Sound Mind. This does not "happen" automatically. You must prepare for them to activate in your life. Athletes train. Soldiers prepare. Musicians practice. Judo practitioners hone their skills. Christians need to do all the above.

The next time fear lifts its ugly head against you, remember you have Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father's Word on your side.

***He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.***  
Psalm 23:3

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# Justina's Milestone

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The 14th of February 2026 dawned brightly. It was a memorable day because it was the day I attended Justina's graduation. Justina looked elegant in her rose-pink outfit with silver details. She felt happy and relieved, knowing this milestone marked a new beginning.

The graduation started with a grand procession and a short prayer. Students then performed songs, dances, and short dramas to showcase their talents. The guest of honor gave a speech and awarded certificates to the graduates. When her name was called, Justina walked confidently to the front, and it was a proud moment for all of us. After the ceremony, we took photos, laughed, and celebrated together. We ate, drank, and cut the cake while enjoying the special moment. She was very happy to see her Treasures of Africa sisters standing by her side, full of love and support. As the ceremony ended, she said, "Reaching this day wasn't easy, but I'm proud and grateful. It shows that all the hard work was worth it and gives me hope for the future."

Justina dreams of studying Journalism and becoming a great writer in Tanzania, especially in book writing. She hopes to write powerful books that speak for society, raise important issues, and bring positive change. She also aims to work closely with the government through her writing, influencing policies and informing the public. She said "I dream of becoming a journalist and writer whose books inspire change and impact society."



**Justina on her graduation Day from  
Advanced Secondary School**

## **Editor's Note:**

Justina has come a long way since she first arrived as a twelve-month-old child at Treasures of Africa Children's Home after the death of her mother. Her father, a fisherman by trade, was sickly himself and could not care for a baby after the death of his wife. Justina's older sister, Lucy, was three years old at the time and her father tried to keep her at home with the help of a relative who lived nearby. But Lucy eventually came to join her sister Justina at Treasures of Africa because their father was struggling to care for her and unable to afford to send her to school.

When Justina became of age to attend school, Hidden with Christ Ministries sponsored her enrollment in a private English



**Justina on a swing at Treasures of Africa Children's Home  
- April 2009 - a few months before her third birthday**



**Justina age 7 in her Christmas dress at  
Treasures of Africa**

medium school where she quickly became bilingual in English and Swahili. It did not take long to realize that Justina was very bright. She excelled academically as she progressed through Primary and Secondary School. As she matured, and had creative writing assignments at school, it became apparent she had a real gift for writing. She has written many poems and stories over the years.

We no longer have an academic sponsor for Justina. So prayerfully consider becoming a TOA Education sponsor for Justina. Her college career will begin this Fall, but we are currently covering all her financial needs as she is residing in the ministry's Transition House for girls. She is attending classes to prepare for her National Exams.

After completing her upcoming National Examinations, Justina will be ready to join a college or University this Fall and begin building toward her future career.

***See the article on pages 7- 8 to read the details on TOA KIDZ Education Sponsorship.***

# Won't You Be My Sponsor?

If you have ever read any of the stories of our Treasures of Africa KIDZ who have graduated from college – then you know how incredibly life changing Education Sponsorship can be for the life of a student in Tanzania. If you have not had that opportunity – then let us invite you to check out our website where you can read stories and watch a few videos of some of our precious students.

[www.treasuresofafrica.org](http://www.treasuresofafrica.org)

While the generous donors to Hidden with Christ Ministries have helped so many orphaned, abandoned or otherwise vulnerable children in Tanzania since we began our work in 2007, we have many students who remain unsponsored. We literally labor in prayer each month to cover their expenses. For the rest of this year, we will be featuring an article in each issue of Victory Magazine which highlights a few of our unsponsored students. Will you pray with us that we will find sponsors for all of our students?



**Adam** came to live at Treasures of Africa Children's Home in Moshi, Tanzania, when he was two months old. His mother had been hospitalized in the psychiatric ward and was deemed unfit to care for him. He thrived at Treasures of Africa Children's Home growing quickly and learning to crawl, walk and run with gusto. He was a happy baby and loved the attention showered on him by the staff and the older children.

When Treasures of Africa transitioned to a home-based model of orphan care in 2021, we began searching for Christian families for our kids. One of our beloved caregivers, Lightness, stepped up and volunteered to take in Adam as a foster child. She had cared for him since he arrived as a two-month-old and he was already quite bonded to her.

**ADAM - Primary School - Grade 2**

Lightness and her husband have two children, David and Hellen. But their hearts were big enough to share their love with one more child, and Adam fit right in. We are so blessed that God placed Adam in just the right family. They have now been together for five years!

Adam will turn 7 years old in May and is in 2nd grade. Hidden with Christ Ministries pays for Adam's school fees at a private Primary School that teaches in English (rather than

Swahili) in order to get him prepared for higher education down the road which requires English proficiency. Adam does not have an Education sponsor.

**Hellen** is the foster sister of Adam. She is in her first year of Secondary School which is the equivalent of eighth grade in the U.S. She has a very sweet spirit, just like her mother, Lightness. To assist the foster families who took in our Treasures of Africa KIDZ when the orphanage closed, we began paying school fees for the foster sibling to attend private school along with the child from Treasures of Africa. We have no Education sponsor for Hellen.



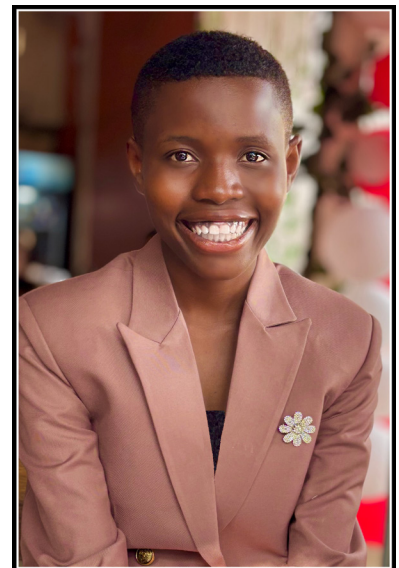
**PRINCE - 2nd year of Engineering College**

**Prince** is the son of our Tanzanian Administrator, Faith. He graduated with honors as the top student at his Secondary School in both Academics and in Sports. He is currently studying Engineering at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology. He is extraordinarily well-mannered and has a very kind spirit. Prince has graciously accepted the multiple TOA students that his mother, Faith, has welcomed into the family over the years. We are thrilled to support Prince's aspirations to become an engineer. Would you consider investing in the life of this talented young man?

**Justina** has been a part of the Treasures of Africa family since she was twelve months old. (See her story featured on pages 5-6.) She will be entering a Journalism College in the Fall. She is a talented writer, an excellent English speaker and we are confident she will become successful in her chosen endeavors. Would you consider becoming her sponsor?



**HELLEN - Secondary School - 1st Year**



**JUSTINA - starts college in the Fall**

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### **Choose your level of Education Sponsorship:**

- ◇ Partial Education Sponsorship is \$30 or \$50 per month
- ◇ Full Education sponsorship\* is \$100 per month for a Primary School student, \$125 per month for a Secondary School student and \$150 per month for a college student

\*This covers: all school /tuition fees, boarding fees for Secondary School students, monthly rent/food and computers and phones for college students, medical expenses, all school-related transportation, books, school supplies, school uniforms, field trips and other "surprise" expenses that arise during the school year.

## Spotlight on a Treasure:

# MICHAEL

by  
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Michael's story is one of deep loss, painful abandonment, and extraordinary resilience. Michael lost both of his parents at a very young age. Michael and his older sister were taken in by their aunt and moved to Arusha. Their aunt's husband is Maasai. In Maasai tradition, orphaned boys often survive by helping care for someone else's cattle in exchange for food and a place to sleep. They rarely inherit cattle of their own, and formal education is not usually prioritized for children in such vulnerable positions. If Michael remained in that setting without intervention, it is highly unlikely he would have ever completed Primary School. His future would have been limited to survival rather than opportunity.



**Michael in January 2018 shortly after arriving at Treasures of Africa Children's Home**

Life in Arusha was not easy, the family struggled under severe poverty. There was barely enough food, and providing basic needs such as clothing, school materials, and medical care was beyond their means. Because of this hardship, Michael was eventually taken to **Faraja Orphanage**, where he could at least receive food, shelter, and access to education. For a time, it seemed like stability had finally come into his young life. But a few years later, the orphanage was closed by the government due to lack of proper registration. Once again, Michael's life was uprooted.

This closure opened the door for Michael to come to **Treasures of Africa Children's Home**. At Treasures of Africa (TOA), he found care, structure, and the opportunity to continue his education. However, when TOA later closed and the children were placed into foster families, Michael was reunited with his adult sister in Arusha as required by Social Welfare officials.

Hoping to give him the best possible chance to succeed academically, HWCM made arrangements for Michael to attend a good boarding school, allowing him to stay focused on his studies while spending school breaks with his sister. But even this fragile stability did not last.

During one school break, the school called our office with heartbreaking news: Michael's sister had not come to pick him up. Repeated attempts to contact her failed. She had disappeared from his life without explanation.

In that moment, Michael was not only an orphan, but he was also completely abandoned. No extended family member was willing to take responsibility for him. The urgency to find a stable family for him became critical. Another family briefly agreed to take him in, but the placement did not work out. Ultimately, I personally made the decision to take Michael into my own family. Since coming into our home, the change in Michael has been remarkable. Emotionally, he is more secure. Academically, he is improving. Most importantly, he is experiencing the love, support, and guidance that every child deserves.

Today, through HWCM sponsorship, Michael's future has changed dramatically. Education is no longer uncertain. His needs are being met. He is not working for survival; he is studying for a purpose. Please pray for Michael's heart to be fully healed of all the loss he has experienced, and for academic success in Secondary School where he is currently in Form Two – the equivalent of 9th grade in the U.S.



**Michael - now in 9th grade - healthy and happy**

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**Editor's Note:** Faith Kaluse is not only the Administrator for the Moshi, Tanzania office of Hidden with Christ Ministries, but she has become the defacto "mom" to so many of the Treasures of Africa children. Michael is not the only TOA child she has taken in when extended family members who were legally responsible to take care of a child "disappeared" from their lives. Please pray for Faith – for wisdom, grace, strength and continued courage to care for these precious "treasures."

Secondly, If you are not a regular supporter of the TOA KIDZ Project, please consider starting this month. Consistency in school provides a foundation of stability that many children in Tanzania do not have. If a family has enough money to pay school fees, the child can remain in school. When they do not, the children are forced to sit home until the parent can find the resources to pay the outstanding school fees. Many such children never return to school. The TOA KIDZ Project pays school fees for both orphaned and otherwise "vulnerable" children, to give them a chance for a stable future by covering education expenses. **Change a child's life forever – become a monthly sponsor for the TOA KIDZ EDUCATION PROJECT!**

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# TREASURES OF AFRICA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

*A Seminar on Life Skills, Purpose, and Financial Discipline*

by  
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Hidden with Christ Ministries hosted a transformative seminar for college students together with young leaders, led by Pastor Geoffrey Kioko. It was held at the HWCM Mission House in Moshi, Tanzania. In addition to his own ministry, "Word in Season," and his 20+ years of partnership in the work of Hidden with Christ Ministries, Pastor Kioko is a well-respected Business Consultant and Business owner in Nairobi, Kenya. He has consulted with many large corporations and organizations, including the United Nations. His expertise in training is highly sought after and was an incredible gift to the TOA students.

The seminar provided deep and practical insights into key life principles aimed at preparing college students for life beyond campus. It sought to equip students with essential life skills to navigate adulthood with clarity, responsibility, and purpose in a world that demands discipline, planning, and intentional living.

The seminar began with **life management** as the foundation of personal development. College students were taught that the true capital of life includes time, effort, and financial resources. Pastor Kioko emphasized that how these resources are managed determines the direction and quality of life. Focus was placed on organizing daily activities, setting priorities, and taking full responsibility for personal decisions.



**Students taking notes at the seminar**

College students were challenged with reflective questions such as: Where am I going in life? Who do I want to become? How will I get there? What will it cost me? Have I discovered who I am? Do I have clear goals? These questions helped them reflect deeply and define their future direction.

The session on **knowing who you are** stood out as a foundation for all other teachings. Pastor Kioko emphasized that self-awareness is critical in decision-making and personal growth. Participants were guided to reflect on their values, strengths, and purpose, understanding that identity helps one stay focused and resist negative influences. Students were further divided into groups of young men and young women to discuss discipline and responsibilities in their respective roles. HWCM staff members, Faith Kaluse and Sunday Joseph, also shared real-life experiences, making the session more practical. They played a significant role in guiding the group discussions, offering clear insights on life responsibilities and what lies ahead.

A strong emphasis was placed on **goals**, highlighting that life without clear goals lacks direction. College students were guided on how to set realistic and time-bound goals that act as a roadmap for success, requiring discipline, consistency, and focus.

Another key area was **budgeting**. Pastor Kioko emphasized financial discipline, teaching students how to plan monthly allowance and expenses, avoid impulsive spending, prioritize needs, and save wisely in order to align financial decisions with long-term goals.

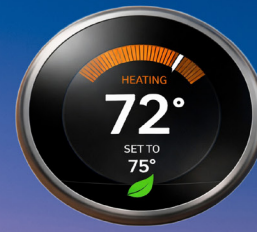
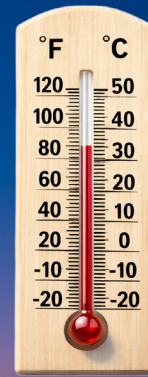
Overall, the college students gained valuable new skills and insights. Many said these teachings are hard to find elsewhere and recommended holding the seminar regularly to help develop responsible, well-grounded future leaders.

The long-term goal of the Treasures of Africa KIDZ Education Project is to raise godly leaders for Tanzania and beyond. Investing in our students through seminars like this supports that vision by preparing young Tanzanians for future leadership. We are deeply grateful to Pastor Kioko for faithfully pouring into the Treasures of Africa students for so many years.



Seminar attendees and leaders

# Thermostat or Thermometer?



*Do you set the atmosphere in your life...  
or simply report current conditions?*

BY RITA LANGELAND

## **DON'T BE A THERMOMETER!**

Most people go through life reporting the current conditions which they are experiencing or observing in the lives of others. They function as thermometers for themselves and their families. Operating in this manner is dangerous because your words have power according to Proverbs 18:21a:

***Death and life are in the power of the tongue...***

"Finances are so tight, I doubt we will have enough to make it through the month." "My symptoms are getting worse; I must have a serious condition." "My teenagers are hanging around with bad companions; I am worried they will end up in jail." "My spouse has been so moody lately, I am afraid he's planning to leave me."

Some readers may ask, "What's wrong with saying that if it's truly how I feel?"

There is nothing wrong with speaking that way if you want to continue in that condition. But God has given authority to His children to change the conditions in our lives by coming into agreement with His Word rather than our natural circumstances. Our spoken words matter – because they do impact our lives. Even unbelievers recognize that negative words will poison a person's attitude, mood, and outlook on life. But this is not a "new age" discovery, this is a subject that was addressed thousands of years ago in the Word of God.

King David, who was called a "man after God's own heart," and was the author of seventy-five of the 150 psalms in the Bible, recognized the importance of watching his words. He wrote this prayer in Psalm 141:

***Set a guard, Lord, over my mouth, keep watch over the door of my lips!***

Psalm 141:3

David was also a warrior as well as a King, and he never lost a battle. I guarantee you that his revelation about God and about the power of his own words was a key to his many victories. When David faced off against Goliath, a giant of a man who was also a seasoned warrior, David announced to him that he was going to take off his head and feed his body to the birds. Those were not just the boasts of a plucky teenager – they were words of faith from someone who knew God well. And we all know that David won that impossible-looking battle with Goliath.

## **SET THE THERMOSTAT!**

The purpose and function of a thermostat is to set and regulate the temperature in a home or building to a level that is desired by the operator of the thermostat. The desired temperature isn't reached instantly, but once you set the thermostat, the heating or cooling system engages and gradually brings the space into alignment with that setting. We can function like that thermostat regarding our lives, if we understand the applicable principles in God's Word.

1. **Recognize** that God requires you to choose the setting of your life's thermostat. *I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have placed before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants...* Deut. 30:19. This scripture shows we must take responsibility for choosing the direction our life takes!
2. **God clearly states** that He has given human beings a unique ability – speech – that will regulate the outcome of our lives. If we respect this gift – we can have good fruit. *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.* Prov. 18:21 KJV
3. **Both the Old and New Testaments** affirm that God has given authority to man to take dominion in the earth, and this authority is exercised through spoken words. *You will also decide and decree a thing, and it will be established for you; And the light [of God's favor] will shine upon your ways.* Job 22:28 Amplified Bible. *Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.* Matthew 18:18 NASB
4. **We need to stay in agreement** and alignment with God's word in everything we say and do – if we are going to have God back us up on what we have decreed for our life and family! *Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?* (Amos 3:3)

### **PRACTICAL STEPS TO SET THE THERMOSTAT:**

1. **Be vigilant to guard what comes out of your mouth.** Eliminate every negative, self-deprecating, hopeless, or fatalistic statement from your vocabulary. This process will require hard work to restrain yourself from life-long habits. But this is necessary because you can't continue to speak the way the rest of the world speaks if you are going to re-set the thermostat of your life to align with God's promises. Pray like David did in Psalm 141:3 and when you stumble and say something you should not, quickly repent and restate with the truth.
2. **Choose to say what God says even if you do not feel like it is true (yet) in your life.** We are called to *"walk by faith and not by sight..."* (2 Cor. 5:7) Remember – it takes time for the thermostat to bring the temperature in a building up to the specified level. Keep saying what God says!
3. **Memorize scriptural promises that apply to your situation to renew your mind and heart.** This will set the stage for what will come out of your mouth. Jesus taught, *"For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of..."* Fill your heart with God's promises rather than repeating the problems you see. Here are some scripture-based examples which you can DECREE over your life and circumstances:
  - If you have a child struggling with addiction or mental illness say – *I decree that the seed of the righteous will be delivered* according to the Proverbs 11:21. My child will be delivered!
  - If you are struggling financially – start saying what God's word says about your finances – I decree that according to 3 John verse 2 – *God desires that I prosper* and according to Philippians 4:19 - *God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* Therefore, I decree that I will prosper and all my needs will be supplied.
  - If you are fighting sickness or disease – stop talking about the symptoms you are experiencing and say only what God says: I decree that according 1 Peter 2:24 - *by the stripes of Jesus I was healed* and I refuse to receive anything less than the healing Jesus paid for on the cross with His own blood!

If you will make the switch from being a thermometer – constantly reporting the current negative conditions in your life – to operating as a thermostat – setting the scriptural goals for the condition of your life with faith-filled words – positive change will begin! It won't be instantaneous (much like the thermostat) but it will come because God promises to watch over His word to bring it to pass.

*...I watch over my word to accomplish it.*  
Jeremiah 1:12 CSB



*For we are  
God's masterpiece...*

He has created us anew in Christ Jesus  
so we can do the good things

*He planned for us long ago.*

EPHESIANS 2:10 NLT