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FROM THE FOUNDERS
Born Again



Spring is a time for re-birth. Crocuses pop their colored heads from the cool earth, Robins return from the southern warmth, and the landscape changes from a muddy brown to a rich spinach green. We all need a re-birth. As Jesus said, unless a man be born again he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. How can a man be born again Nicodemus the wise Jewish Pharisee asked? Your answer to this centuries old question has eternal significance. Will we be separated from the God of Love who has created a paradise for us or when we die enter the heaven promised by Jesus?

In today's culture people who are considered "Born Again" or evangelical Christians are labeled as bigots and scorned for their moral absolutes. The word "sin" is the new four letter word, while the old profanities are proudly bandied about in "normal" discourse.

I guess you can call me old fashioned and some will label me more harshly; but I know one thing, I am a Jesus follower and I will be until I die. Why? Because Jesus has helped me overcome the death of my children and given me purpose for my life. I do not fear death, I have stared it in the face and I have overcome. I look forward to heaven one day, and a reunion with those I miss and love. Until then I will follow Jesus on the path that others fear to take – paths that lead to the broken and hurting children. Love draws me there, even when others shout me down as a bigot or a religious zealot. I will not judge those who judge me. I will follow Jesus who said overcome evil with good and "love your enemies." "Born Again?" I am unashamedly. It answers a deep call to be able to love unconditionally and reach out to those who are forgotten and cast aside. I encourage us all to follow the things of the Spirit and the heart rather than follow our self-gratifying desires.

Thank you for giving to our children!
With love and appreciation,

John and Libby



Hearts of the Father team celebrating with our local Ghanaian Board members.

Leaving A Legacy

"It is not what you have gained in this world that you will be remembered by, but rather for what you have left behind as a deposit in the lives of others"

All have faced a loss in their lives. Mothers, fathers and other dear ones passed on. We have benefitted by their lives and example. As we look to the end of our days, what are we leaving behind for others that we will live on as our legacy?

Please consider investing in the lives of orphaned children as part of your legacy.

We can accept stocks and other assets. We welcome you to share your vision to bless children in the future. Please contact us if you have questions or are interested in our donor fund named Tikun Olam.

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Beauty for Ashes

Isaiah 61:1

One evening in February at midnight I heard the whisper of God say, "do a women's conference in Ghana and make it simple and available to all." I could hardly believe what I heard as I had suffered a fractured back in December and couldn't imagine traveling at this time!

I inquired of God the name of this conference and the message I was to share. It will be called "Beauty for Ashes" from Isaiah 61. I was to share the sufferings and ashes I had experienced through the death of my children and the beauty and joy that God has brought back into my life now.

With cane in hand I found myself in Ghana with our precious few ladies from the Hearts of the Father Team. The two-night conference began at Pastor Richard's church. He was the host of this event and is a HFO board member. He said, "this was the first time in his area that such a thing was done."

I remember the beautiful yet fearful faces of these lovely women who came. They took their time and pocket money getting to this difficult place in this rural area. Tears flowed freely over these two nights with all sorts of released emotion as suffering is a way of life in Ghana and a loss of a child is something common to many mothers. The night ended with praise and prayer and my hope is that the words I spoke would deposit an eternal hope. My life testimony would help these women to live life anew knowing that Heaven is truly real and through acceptance of Jesus as their savior that Heaven would be their home, joined with their loved ones

My love and thanksgiving to Richard and Shirley (my interpreter)!

—Libby



Showers of Blessings

Ezekiel 34:26
It will cause the showers to come down in a His season. There will be showers of blessings.

I'm a veteran. I not only get to tell my story, I have been asked to write it. In preparation of the trip I was asked what I would like to do. My response was whatever was needed. Shortly later I was told I would work with the handicapped. My prayers and thoughts started to race. How was I going to approach this assignment? Bed bath? Skin care? Exam and assessment? My excitement was building.

Upon arriving in Ghana, I met my mentor Benjamin, who is head of the local handicapped association. He asked me to share the Bible with his members. I could not believe my ears. What a privilege and honor.

My other ministry while there was helping girls understand and deal with their menstrual cycle. Many girls in third world countries cannot afford sanitary pads and have to face great difficulty and embarrassment because of this. My sister Ann found a ministry

called "Days for Girls," which provides bags of supplies that will help them in the future. I was able to bring many with me for the girls at the home and others in this rural area. Thank you God for using me and showering blessings from above.

—Eugenie Formel

Dreams Do Come True

This trip marks my 15th anniversary traveling and working with Hearts of the Father and the Ghanaian people, especially the children.

The past twelve years my focus has been on dental clinics which have resulted in thousands of people being treated and have brought many joyful smiles.

This year I was honored to lead a small team of ladies to Ghana. Each woman had a specific ability to outreach to many diverse groups.

Denise, a pre-school teacher, who specializes in adolescent curriculum would run a seminar for other teachers and leaders. Eugenie, a retired veteran and nurse would outreach to the local handicap people in the Old Ningo area and spend time reading to the children in our new school. Libby was holding her first women's conference in the rural area entitled "Beauty for Ashes," encouraging women to live a life of joy and hope in the midst of their pain and suffering!

I was going to meet with leaders about the new dental clinic that would soon arrive into the Port in Accra, and would be going to the hospital in Pram Pram. They have never had the equipment before to do any dentistry so there was much excitement and planning for the setting up of this dental unit.

The dental unit has been donated by Dr. Charles St. John from Dalton, MA and will be given in memory of "Joshua, Kristen and Daniel Moritz."

While there, I was quite busy every day getting our children from the home to the dentist in Tema, and I can now thankfully say that all the HFO children have been checked and treated.

Our children, faithful staff and teachers were blessed by the gifts that we brought and there were special days of swimming, parties, and even a baby shower as we all gathered in love with gratitude to God for His faithfulness to us all!

—JoAnn Shmumsky, HFO board member



My participation in your mission in Ghana was so much a blessing to me. Your zeal together with the others has challenged me so much. Thanks for being such a blessing to my life.

—Bridget (team photographer)

An Amazing Experience



In March of 2019, I had the opportunity to travel to Ghana with HFO. While I was there, I shared my knowledge and expertise about special education and preschool curriculum. I was fortunate to be able to speak at two different locations, one being a venue that was filled with approximately 225 teachers and department heads, and the second included teachers from a private school. I also visited the HFO School for Arts and Technology, where I observed the students and then offered helpful suggestion and ideas to the teachers.

During my visit, I met the children at the home and was able to spend quality time with each one. We talked, laughed and shared many common interests. I also had an opportunity to assess each child academically and share the results with HFO staff. My experience in Ghana was amazing. The individuals I met were all so loving and welcomed me with open arms.

This trip gave me an opportunity to learn about Ghana culture, share my educational knowledge, and has opened my eyes and heart to others and their needs. I will never forget this experience and I'm hopeful that the relationships that I have built will last a lifetime.

—Denise Foss

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