



A Chameleon's Tale

Multiplying the Blessings

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see." C. S. Lewis

Refocusing on Ministry

I have been lax in communicating what has been happening in my ministry and in my life for the last few years. I've been putting the bulk of my efforts into raising my daughter and not balancing it as well as I could with my ministry.

But God has been burdening my heart to refocus on my ministry. These are the steps that I have taken to continue moving forward with Maarifa:

- Created and carried out with the help of my resourceful husband, a marketing campaign to get the Maarifa curriculum in front of as many people as possible. Through this campaign I've been able to add more than 200 new contacts to my LinkedIn list all of whom are working or have worked in the HIV arena.
- Created an online training course for facilitators of the Maarifa curriculum. Anyone wishing to facilitate the Maarifa curriculum can access the training for free through my website.
- Signed an MOU with a Kenyan national, Joshua Muhia, who will be my boots on the ground in Kenya, to continue to facilitate and expand the use of the Maarifa curriculum in Kenya.
- Taken an intensive partnership development course so that I can be more effective in building my support team. I may be contacting you soon to share with you more about the exiting developments in my ministry and how you can be a part of the Maarifa Team.

So, in a nutshell, God is about to do a big thing and you don't want to miss it.

Please pray for me:

- To have the energy to keep up with my now 4-year-old daughter Nadia.
- To be able to divide my time appropriately between ministry and motherhood.
- And for Maarifa to shine the light of God's healing love and grace into the lives of many more adolescents living with HIV

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My prayer for you in this time of uncertainty is Philippians 4:4-9
 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

In his service,

- Jessica, Daniel and Nadia Steyn



Meet Joshua Muhia, Maarifa’s new representative in Kenya

Age: 48

Family: Wife Peris and daughters, Abigael (14) and Grace (12).

Residence: Kijabe, Kenya

Joshua has worked with people living with HIV for the past 25 years. I asked him to write about the challenges faced by adolescents living with HIV (ALHIV).

For a long time ALHIV have been stigmatized and denied dignity. They need psychological and spiritual support. Access to treatment, especially

during COVID 19 has made adherence a challenge. Addressing HIV is a collective responsibility; we are all affected!

The world must not neglect ALHIV, through funding for:

1. Skills development which will allow them to be gainfully employed.
2. Counselling and support to help them build self-esteem, gain emotional wellbeing and knowledge of how to prevent the spread of HIV.
3. Advocacy programs are still needed to ensure that those living with HIV are given fair treatment and included in social dialog.
4. Churches and people of faith must be at the forefront of the movement to demonstrate Christ’s love for ALHIV. Active participation with your finances, your prayers and your voice, in the spiritual and emotional transformation of ALHIV will bear fruit.

Maarifa is a powerful tool toward empowering ALHIV to live healthy, full, productive and God-honoring lives.

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