



## Ministering to adolescents Living with HIV

### It's All About Thanksgiving

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continuously; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Simple, right? Maybe in theory! But in practice and especially in the times we live in it can be difficult.

#### Here's what I am joyful about:

September brought lots of activity for Maarifa. Joshua, Esther and Kelvin visited 3 Triple Zero meetings (USAIDs secular training that is similar to Maarifa) and gave short presentations from the Maarifa curriculum. Care For AIDS is using Maarifa in all 10 of its pilot sites for its adolescent program and is already expanding to more sites! They have asked us to partner with them in a HIV Teens Camp in

December. Esther and Kelvin continue to meet with teens and conduct home visits one of which resulted in a teen (DK) who had defaulted from treatment for 8 months, returning to a treatment regimen!

God is using Maarifa in a powerful way to reach teens who are struggling to live with HIV in the midst of a pandemic. How can I not be joyful about that!

#### Here's what I am praying about:

Maarifa's partners contribute approximately \$800 to \$1,200 dollars per month to Maarifa. I send \$3,500 or more to Kenya every three months. I currently have only enough funds to keep Maarifa going for another 6 months.

I'm praying that God will supply more people who will share this vision of discipling and caring for adolescents living with HIV so that Maarifa can continue to be used to touch more young lives. If you have friends who love Jesus and want to see His Kingdom advanced, please send them the Maarifa web address and personally invite them to join you in partnering in this ministry.

Most of all I'm praying that God's will for Maarifa and me be done in His time.

#### Here's why I'm giving thanks:

I'm thankful that Maarifa has Joshua Muhia leading its activities in Kenya. Without Joshua, Maarifa could not continue, his expertise in the field of HIV education, connections and leadership have propelled Maarifa into a successful partnership with Care for AIDS. They are the first large HIV organization to adopt Maarifa as a learning tool.

I'm thankful because even though I can't be in Kenya, Globe International, my mission sending agency, has allowed me to "work remotely!" That means that 100% of the money you give goes directly into getting the Maarifa curriculum into the hands of adolescents living with HIV.



I'm thankful for partners, like you, who show up and give with open hands, even in hard times, because there is still work to be done.

*It brings me joy to know that God called me to write and distribute such a powerful tool. I'm very thankful to each of you who believe this ministry is worthy of your support and I am praying that God's plans for Maarifa will be fulfilled through our united effort.*

## **A Change in Communications:**

To more effectively steward the funds for Maarifa, I am updating the way I communicate with you:



- Moving forward, you can expect to receive a newsletter twice a year in the mail.
- Every 2 months I will send a newsletter via email so if I don't have your email address, send it to me as soon as possible! I will also put all my newsletters (bi-monthly) on the Maarifa website: [www.mymaarifa.org](http://www.mymaarifa.org).
- Bi-monthly I will share more information both about me, my family, and ministry by blog. These blogs will be available to you by email, on the Maarifa website, and both my personal and Maarifa Facebook pages.
- Watch for this year's Christmas letter to arrive in your email soon!

## **What I need from you:**

- If I have your email address you will get the newsletter and blogs sent to your email. Note: Make sure to add [mymaarifainfo@gmail.com](mailto:mymaarifainfo@gmail.com) (for email direct from me) and [jessica@mymaarifa.org](mailto:jessica@mymaarifa.org) (for newsletters and blogs) addresses in your email contacts to ensure they are delivered to your inbox!
- If you would like to be on my email list and I don't have your email address, please send it to me via text (320-339-3699) or email ([maarifainfo@gmail.com](mailto:maarifainfo@gmail.com)). If it's via text remember to include your name!

## **Be in prayer for:**

- Joshua and his daughter who both have health issues.
- Sam who is flying to Kenya at the end of October with a much-needed laptop for Joshua.
- DK who is returning to treatment for HIV!

## **Praise for:**

- God's timing in all things
- Continued and expanded partnership with Care For AIDS

## **In His Service,**

**Jessica, Daniel, & Nadia Steyn**

## **GIVING**

checks should be made out to **Globe International (write Maarifa in the memo)**  
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