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Building a Legacy for Mission by Judy Delany

I began sponsoring my first student in Project Child in 2004 and was able to continue to support, pray and care for her through her graduation from Secondary School in 2014. Although I wasn't sure I was ready to invest emotionally in another student, I decided to follow a suggestion of a friend of mine who has been sponsoring children in the name of his grandchildren – lots of them.

I have long wanted to leave the legacy of my passion for missions with my grandchildren. Actively involving our children and grandchildren in personal missions activities and connecting them to real people in other countries is a great way to instill a "missions mindset" in the next generation. So I asked my granddaughter, Emily, who is 12, if she would be willing to write and encourage a new Karansi student. She gave it serious consideration, realizing she was committing to many years of interaction, shopping for gifts to send, meeting the deadlines for

sending letters, etc. She finally agreed and then spent time selecting a child to sponsor from the ones available on the www.projectchildtz.com website. She chose a child who mirrored her, a girl who was also 12 years old and who had only one sibling as she did. She has now written several letters and prepared packages to send. When I recently asked her why she enjoyed doing this, she said, "I really like knowing someone in my age group who lives in a totally different



part of the world. I enjoy hearing about her life and what she likes to do. It is fun to find out how we are alike and how our lives are differ-

ent. " Emily's interest in missions had budded the previous year through a schoolwork assignment to help a person outside her family or an organization that served others. She conceived a project to help a child in Karansi, Tanzania who had lost her mother and who had very little. Emily developed a plan to make money. She sold pencils and lemonade in her neighborhood after a strong marketing drive and used the money to buy school supplies and clothes for this child. When David and Mary Ann Taylor, Perimeter Missionaries who work with PUNCHMI in Tanzania, were in Atlanta, Emily met with them and presented the gifts for delivery to the little girl. David presented the gift to the Tanzanian child, took pictures and emailed them back to Emily who was able to incorporate them into her PowerPoint presentation of her project at school. Her teacher gave her the highest praise and evaluation for this project which

Project Child TZ Bed Sheet Fundraiser

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was demonstrated from concept, to planning and execution in a way that had a strong impact on another person. The project also had a strong impact on Emily and wetted her continued interest in serving others, particularly those who have needs that she could address.

This summer we were considering what to send next to Jeska (our most recently sponsored child). I have been teaching Emily to sew and she enthusiastically agreed to make a quilt. She selected the material, cut it out, chose the order for assembly and sewed all the squares together. She incorporated the colors Jeska had said were her favorites. Halfway through the project ---as it grew--- she suddenly realized it would not fit in a gallon ziplock bag – the size requirement for gifts carried to Tanzania! I told her I would take it to Jeska in my suitcase as I was a member of the 2016 September medical missions’ team. She was relieved to have that problem solved.

It was such a blessing to visit with Jeska and her mother in their home and present the



quilt to them. They greatly appreciated the gift and were both amazed at the work and love that this quilt represented from a 12 year old from America. Jeska looked forward to meeting Emily someday.

In November, Emily was able to “meet” Jeska face to face on a video call. She had carefully developed many questions to ask her and played the song Amazing Grace on the piano for her while Jeska and Witness,

the PUNCHMI social worker, sang the words. It was a bit disjointed with the 3 second delay with the sound as we were hearing the piano in the room and the delayed lyrics from Tanzania!

Since there is no such thing as pets in Tanzania, Jeska was quite amazed when Emily showed her the family pet, a schnauzer. There was a lot of laughter in Tanzania. The opportunity for connecting sponsors and the receiving child via video telephone calls is one of the strongest tools for strengthening relationship and commitment to our work in Tanzania. It was simple and was completed with no problems. (a bit of an unusual occurrence—THN)

Whether Emily will end up some day serving as a missionary in a foreign land, or whether she will simply be equipped to pray and reach out to help others locally is currently known only by God. However, I can rest assured the Holy Spirit will continue to shape her heart to be more like our Father’s as He has limitless compassion for those in need.

Consider sponsoring a Project Child student, not just for their benefit, but also to the benefit of yourself and maybe your young family members like Emily. As a Grandparent – It doesn’t get much better.



Project News

School’s Out—Classes have all completed and students are readying for Christmas. This next week they will be having their Christmas Party and will receive the clothes that you have purchased for their Christmas Gift. In mid-January a new school year will begin with all students graduating up a grade.

Christmas Fund—We are still collecting for the TZ Project Child Christmas Present Fund if you would like to still donate.

Mail Call—Letters only should be delivered to Wendy Williams care of Perimeter Christian School no later than Feb 1.

Global Spotlight— Mark your calendars for the Global Spotlight at Perimeter Church February 25 & 26. Pastor Wariaeli, Headmaster Godfrey Seuya and Project Facilitator Baraka Mbise will be at Perimeter as guests of Global Outreach. We will be offering several opportunities for you to meet and celebrate with these men.

Visit Tanzania— Start planning to participate in a Global Journey to Tanzania as we will soon be publishing 5 or 6 different trips including Family Journeys, Graduation, Teacher Training, Medical & Dental, and Community Development.

