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Caden was mentored by a cult, but you helped send cross-cultural workers to teach him the truth of Jesus.

Your support helps young adults in Selma encounter Jesus

Selma, Alabama is a small town best known for the Selma-to-Montgomery marches of the 1960s and “Bloody Sunday” in 1965. Selma’s history can be a controversial topic in some circles, but for William and Morgan, Selma is home.

After graduating from seminary, William and Morgan settled in Selma and began to build relationships with children and youth who were

living in a government housing project. They shared meals together, celebrated birthdays, and had sleepovers. The couple shared the love of Jesus with kids who had experienced abandonment, abuse, and poverty at a young age.

In addition to mentoring children and youth in Selma, William and Morgan started a small group in their home. “We know a lot of people in

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Your gifts enable the O'Neal family to live and serve in Selma.

their 20s and 30s who are not involved in church,” said William. “Many of them do not see church as relevant to their lives, or they made mistakes in their past that has kept them from engaging in a church.” William, Morgan, and another couple who serves with TMS Global invited people into their homes to study Scripture together.

Mentored by a cult

Caden* is in his 20s and began attending the small group. Years before, Caden had been mentored by a cult that was active in Selma, and he had lived with some of the leaders during his teens. The leaders taught their followers that they were only able to come to God through the authority of the cult leaders and not on their own.

William and Morgan’s small group was studying 1, 2, and 3 John, which contains teaching about false prophets. After studying these chapters for several weeks, Caden said, **“You are different. They [the cult leaders] were false teachers and told me what to believe. You want me to have a relationship with Jesus.”**

Pointing to Jesus

William said, “Caden understands that he can come to Jesus on his own. We hadn’t planned on studying false

prophets in particular, but the Holy Spirit was at work and moved in Caden’s heart to show him the truth.”

“Selma has experienced short-term mission projects, but there haven’t been people who stayed and invested long term,” said Morgan. **“We aren’t here to solve all of the issues facing Selma. We are just here to love people and point to Jesus.”**

**Name changed and stock photo used for privacy*

Because of you, a disabled man in Tanzania knows he has value



Born with physical disabilities, Zawadi was largely rejected by his community. Your gifts helped TMS Global workers give him a chance.

Zawadi was born without the use of one of his arms, and he walks with a limp. When he was a child, Zawadi was prevented from attending school because of his physical disabilities. Despite the cultural stigma in Tanzania that was attached to having a disabled child at that time, his parents viewed his birth as a blessing. They named him Zawadi, which means “gift.”

Lemsanya and Kristen Tisho serve with TMS Global in Tanzania and direct Berega Orphanage. Berega was designed as a unique orphanage. Each child who lives at Berega must be accompanied by a “binti,” or caregiver. Children are allowed to stay at Berega until they are three years old.

Lemsanya and Kristen recently received a grant to start a dairy farm at Berega. They purchased goats and use the milk to make and sell cheese. The profits help to fund projects for the bintis and pay for building maintenance on the orphanage.

Zawadi's hope

Lemsanya hired Zawadi to care for the goat herd. “Zawadi is one of the hardest workers I’ve met,” said Kristen. “He’s never allowed his physical disability slow him down in spite of cultural factors that have worked against him his whole life.”

Zawadi is usually paid a fraction of what other men in the village make for the same job, but now he’s earning twice what was he was making before. He uses the money to support himself and his aging mother.



Your support makes it possible for the Tisho family to care for orphans in Tanzania.

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“Zawadi was chosen and hired for a position that everyone in the village would have liked to have had,” said Kristen. “He finally feels that he is valued, and his work ethic and dedication have been recognized.

“Zawadi now knows something that God has always known—that he has value and is of great worth. The rest of the village is seeing that too. Zawadi has hope.”

Focusing my gaze

I’ve always been fascinated by the prophet Isaiah and how he spoke for God during such a trying time in Israel’s history. As I have studied the book of Isaiah, I have noticed that the focus of his gaze determined the state of his being.

I think the same is true in my own life. Am I focused on God’s goodness, mercy, and blessings in my life? Or am I focused on the troubling circumstances surrounding me that provoke fear and anxiety?

Jesus said that He came to give His followers abundant life. Jesus didn’t intend for us to merely exist, but He desires for our lives to be filled with meaning, purpose, and beauty. Like Isaiah, we can focus our gaze on the Lord in order to learn more about God, ourselves, and His purposes for our lives.

My prayer is that we will all learn to focus our gaze on Jesus instead of the things of this world, because Jesus is the only path to the abundant life He offers.



Max Wilkins
President and CEO

You can make a difference!



It is your support that enables our cross-cultural workers to live and serve in communities around the world, sharing the love and message of Jesus with their neighbors.

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