



Passing Love Forward: A Fight for Life



Rungo was born in Mozambique, HIV positive, mother died in childbirth, his father left the area, raised by his grandmother. The local medical staff denied the request for

antiretroviral therapy (ART) for Rungo. If left untreated, HIV will attack the immune system and eventually progress to AIDS. ART involves taking a combination of HIV medicines (called an HIV regimen) every day, exactly as prescribed, preventing HIV from multiplying. Doctors felt that Rungo's grandmother, being elderly, was not capable of properly dispensing the medicine.

Amman Fabio, a local young man and graduate from Africa University whose education was financed



through benefactors who are now part of Mozambique Development in Motion's (MDiM) volunteer operation, felt compelled to intervene on Rungo's behalf. Amman is now the Program Director of MDiM. He located Rungo's father and older brother to seek their support

to get medicine for Rungo and asked them to meet him at the Chicique hospital to plead his case. Rungo's father did not show up, but his older brother did, and with Amman and the older brother vouching to follow the prescribed regimen, staff agreed to the life-saving treatment.

Today, Rungo is 13, in grade 6, and in August, he received the joyous news that his health has improved to the point that he no

longer needs further medication. ❖

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the staggering number of people in desperate need in this world, causing many of us to believe that nothing we do has any real impact on a problem of such magnitude. But you can positively impact one person's life. And that person, like Amman, may just reach out to help another, who can pass it forward again, far surpassing the original deed.

Each one of us can be the hands and feet of Christ. Who is Jesus moving you to fight for?

BORED? TRY ADVENTURE!

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Summer 2017
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Meet “Jane Doe,” a retired (or semi-retired) high school Physics teacher. The school system continues to call on this professional gem to substitute, sometimes for a day, sometimes for weeks at a time. The “retirement” income she earns from substituting – 100% of it – she joyfully gives to Mozambique. Rather than buying the latest fashions, cruising to exotic destinations, or remodeling her home, she has sponsored four young men to a local university, and she’s helping support another student who is midway through Africa University in Zimbabwe. She embodies Christ’s command to be a cheerful giver as she declares,

“I’m 76, my husband and I have retirement plans that cover our living expenses, there’s nothing I truly *need*, and nothing more gratifying than watching these young Mozambicans begin believing in themselves. Supporting these students continues to give my life meaning, to be able to make a difference where it is so definitely needed. I can’t imagine being indifferent to the hardships that are the norm for so many people. One of my favorite ministers said, ‘God makes the winds blow, but we have to set the sails.’ I am pleased to be able to hoist a sail.”

*Know anyone 66, or 76, or 86 who would like more meaning in their retirement years?
Boy, do we have opportunity for you!*

The Business Class that Changed Virginia’s Life

Virginia attended a business class taught by Volunteers in Motion team leader, Jackie Watkins, and learned how to track expenses and reinvest income into more inventory to keep a business going. She believed selling firewood might be a good business as she observed people around her needing firewood every day. As a class project, Virginia and her classmates developed and presented business plans for an imaginary sales organization. There were 21 presentations in all.



Imagine Virginia’s delight when she was one of two students voted “most likely to succeed” and given \$500 seed money to make her dream business a reality.

Virginia rose to the challenge, using the first installment of her \$500 prize to build a storage shed for firewood. Amman

Fabiaio was her mentor, making weekly visits to watch Virginia’s progress, disbursing the \$500 in appropriate amounts as he watched the shed go up, not satisfied until the shed had a door with a lock to protect her inventory. Then the first load of firewood was ordered, and Virginia had become an entrepreneur.

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go directly to known people or causes.**

You can read about more of these people in future newsletters.

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Distance mentoring is a program designed to connect students in Mozambique with students in the U.S. Mozambican students email back and forth with their U.S. counterparts for the purpose of improving their English writing skills. U.S. students have the privilege of encouraging their Mozambican friends' growth. The distance mentoring program is an inexpensive way for U.S. students to help others and build relationships.

Donor Relationship Brings Unexpected Blessings

In many countries, education is not free, even for young children. In Mozambique, continued education after grade seven requires tuition, and too often, students are unable to pay. For Lisa Weaver, what



started as a distance mentoring relationship with her 8th grade student, Edipo, grew into a relationship surpassing her expectations.

Although Edipo's English was almost non-existent, he persevered through ongoing correspondence with Lisa from January to June, improving his English with every email



That summer, Lisa joined the team going to Mozambique and met Edipo in person for the first time. She says, "It truly was one of the most meaningful moments of my life. It seemed surreal, the immediate connection and love I felt for him."

Lisa returned home with a commitment to go beyond the distance mentoring relationship to support Edipo's education as far as he wanted to go, which included medical school to become a doctor. In December 2015, Edipo graduated from high school, sponsored each year from 8th through 12th grades by Lisa, at the cost of \$450 for three years in secondary school and \$800 each year of high school.

Through the years, Lisa's communication with Edipo has continued, and their relationship has deepened. She shared his pride when he was accepted to Africa University. On Wednesday August 10, Edipo made a 17-hour bus trip to Zimbabwe, pursuing his goal of becoming a doctor to help his people in Mozambique. Lisa's financial commitment increased this year by ten-fold, but she feels Edipo is the absolute best investment she's ever made.



Edipo and his mother, August 2016, as he embarked on the 17-hour bus trip to Africa University in Zimbabwe



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