

2011



I MET MERCY ON ONE OF MY FIRST TRIPS TO KENYA. WE WERE IN THE SLUM IN THE HEART OF NAIROBI AT SOWETO ACADEMY, A SCHOOL THAT WE VISITED EVERY YEAR. MERCY WAS NOT A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL BUT SHE WOULD WAIT ON THE SCHOOL STEPS TO TALK WITH US. SHE WAS SHY AND SWEET AND I IMMEDIATELY FELT A CONNECTION WITH HER. I LOVED HER SWEET SMILE. EACH YEAR THAT I WENT BACK TO NAIROBI I WOULD SEE MERCY. SHE EVEN INVITED ME INTO HER HOME WHICH WAS A ONE CONCRETE ROOM SEPARATED BY CURTAINS WITH NO ELECTRICITY AND NO BATHROOM. BUT IT WAS BEAUTIFUL BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE THAT FILLED IT.

YOUNG GIRLS IN THE SLUMS USUALLY DON'T HAVE PROMISING FUTURES. THEY ARE EITHER RAPED, GET PREGNANT AT A YOUNG AGE, OR ARE NOT ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL. I WORRIED ABOUT MERCY AND WHAT HER FUTURE WOULD HOLD. I WOULD VISIT HER EACH YEAR PRAYING FOR THE BEST. I WAS ABLE TO PAY FOR HER SCHOOL FEES FOR A FEW YEARS AND SHE ATTENDED SOWETO ACADEMY BUT EVENTUALLY HAD TO DROP OUT BECAUSE HER MOM WAS VERY SICK AND SHE NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF HER.

THIS YEAR MERCY FOUND ME ON FACEBOOK! I WAS SO HAPPY TO HEAR FROM HER!! I HAVE BEEN WONDERING MANY TIMES WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO HER. MY LAST TRIP TO KENYA WAS IN 2015 AND HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER SINCE. SHE IS DOING SO WELL! SHE IS NOW A WAITRESS AND A CATERER! SHE HAS A SON AND LIVES WITH HER MOM OUTSIDE THE SLUM. IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE IN HER LIFE AND HOW OUR PATHS HAVE CROSSED. I SINCERELY LOVE HER AND THANK GOD FOR HER LIFE! ~ KATIE HARGROVE

"IT'S NOT IMPORTANT WHO DOES THE PLANTING, OR WHO DOES THE WATERING. WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT GOD MAKES THE SEED GROW." ~ 1 CORINTHIANS 3:7

MERCY THROUGH THE YEARS

2015



2012



2010



2015 MERCY'S MOM AND SISTER

9 YEARS LATER AFTER
MEETING MERCY 2020



Empowering and connecting with women is something that I love. During Covid, it has been hard to do some things I love. I have not been out on a call as a victim advocate for over a year now and have not been to the club to minister to women for the past year either.

However, the need for both of these things has probably increased all the more! Unfortunately, we are at the mercy of the police department and of county health orders so it is not by choice. But this coming week I will be going on outreach to the strip club! I am excited to go back and see some of the women I have missed. I am also hoping that by this summer the police department will allow volunteers to again go on calls to meet with victims.

I am praying about an idea of how to connect with the women in my neighborhood. We live in an ethnically diverse neighborhood. There are Colombian, Thai, Mexican, Jamaican, Black and White women that live on our block and I would love to gather these women to encourage each other and develop deeper relationships. I am praying about a women's dinner club that would meet once a month and also praying about how it can be a blessing to us all!

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Jesus we thank you for Campbell Obadiah Jude Hargrove, His life and health is such a gift! We are so thankful for all the miracles! Eve is being a helpful big sister. Katie and I are just longing for uninterrupted sleep and truly in awe of God :)



Our staff team of 7 is doing our best in the midst of Covid. I have passed off most leadership to Rainwater one of my best friends after leading for 4 years. We have about 40 athletes connected to discipleship groups right

now. Rain and I are co-leading one discipleship group with baseball guys on Tuesday nights as we have been in Philippians. Also, I am able to go throw batting practice once a week and have a good presence with most of the coaches and hitters. Katie has been working with Jodi on Thursday nights with about 6-8 women's volleyball gals in their discipleship group. We also were able to open up some doors by doing some low ropes course team building for some teams in the fall. Please pray for our team and for Jesus to bring people to know Him and make Him known through sports at MSU... Praise God for how He is moving and what he is doing at MSU!

(Side note) One suggestion for Easter is to consider the corporate sin that Jesus died for and overcame! How should that kingdom practically come onto earth through the church?

Jesus is so generous to us through you! Your generosity allows us to give away love, resources, and the gospel away free to others! Thank you!

CELEBRATING FALL 2020-SPRING 2021

-6 LENSES REFRAMED = 450 PEOPLE

-5 LENSES IN FOCUS = 130 PEOPLE

-5 CANADA REFRAMED = 200 PEOPLE



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