

LOVE WITHOUT REASON

"UNTIL THE WORLD IS CLEFT-FREE!"

Great
AFRICAN
 Adventure



My first adventure with LWR

Where do I begin? There were so many experiences with LWR during this trip, to just stop at one or two is very hard. But as I look back over my journal, one word became my theme. And that word is **faith!**

This was my first overseas mission trip and I had no idea what to expect. I was filled with excitement and fear at the same time. But once I met the LWR administration team, that fear was eased and replaced by faith!



Sabrina at medical camp

I saw the faith it took for the Mathews' to continue Philip's legacy even through grief and heartache. I saw the faith it took for parents to allow LWR doctors to perform surgery. I saw the faith it took for the volunteers to leave their homes and jobs to be a part of changing people's lives. I saw the faith it took for Sally to step out into the unknown with Small Beginnings. I experienced the faith to step out of my comfort zone and speak in front of crowds. I saw the faith it took for each of us to place our lives in Calvin's driving skills! Just kidding.

The scripture that I wrote in my journal the first day in Kenya is Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."

Through LWR, my faith has been made stronger, my love for people has grown deeper and my relationship with Jesus has grown richer! LWR is not just an organization to me but a family, a family filled with faith, hope and love! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your family and thank you for helping me take that step into a whole new world! LWR will forever be the organization I will support and go on missions with wherever God leads!

What great things He hath done!!

Love always,

Sabrina Holmes

Henderson, Kentucky

Mourning turns into Joy

The LWR team arrived at Kenyatta University Hospital in Nairobi, preparing for the screening day camp which would take place the following day, Sunday. As we hauled in suitcases filled with stationery, office materials and medical equipment, the hospital receptionist approached us. "You have a patient here one day early to see you." We looked at her in surprise, then searched the lobby area. In our minds, we were looking for playful children. But it was a beautiful grandmother with a wide cleft lip who caught our eye.

Her grown children surrounded her, and her son began to speak. "We drove two hours to come to this hospital. We hope that your team will operate on our mother." He was the only one of the siblings who spoke English perfectly. He continued, "She never wanted to have her lip repaired. She always told us that this was her destiny, and she was cursed. She has raised her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We heard about the Love Without Reason camp in Nairobi and asked her one more time to consider surgery. She finally agreed!"



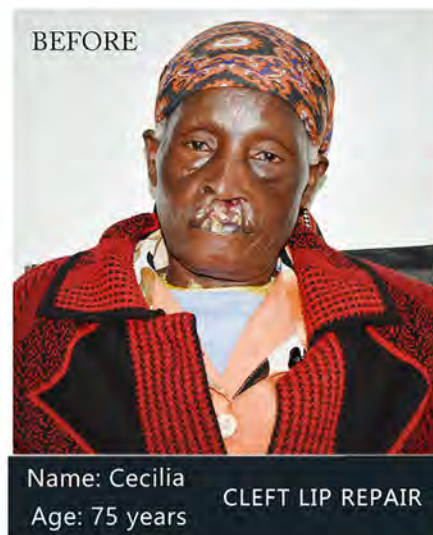
Mama Cecilia at screening camp

Mama Cecilia returned to the hospital on Sunday for screening day, where she was evaluated and cleared by the surgical and anesthetic team. Her LWR chart was assembled by the registration team and by the medical students. Her surgery date was scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Mama Cecilia recovered well after surgery. Her entire family came to see her in the

hospital ward and rejoiced over her new smile. After hiding in shame and humiliation for 75 years, Mama Cecilia walked out of the hospital with a new smile, hope, and confidence.

Healing of the physical cleft is one part of the vision of Love Without Reason. Treating our patients with dignity, love and in a holistic manner will help to heal the emotional clefts of rejection and shame.

Your monthly support of \$50 or \$100 makes an impact that is immeasurable for the lives of people like Mama Cecilia. We will keep working, Until The World is Cleft Free!





The Great African Adventure Impact

In Zimbabwe and Kenya the LWR team:

- > Educated nearly 300 patients, parents, medical professionals, and volunteers about human trafficking, prevention measures, and resources to use in reporting any suspicious activity. We will continue working Until No More Are Sold!!
- > Transformed faces, speech, and smiles of patients ages 2 months to 75 years.
- > Empowered our patients with the blessing Philip shared during the 2019 Zimbabwe mission. "Your children will do greater things than Philip ever did."



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