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Edwine's Story





Dear Loved Ones,

Greeting from our Haiti, cheri. Our story has repeated itself. We killed another snake in the house. How? Please fellow me.

In the photo is Edwine, a freshman girl taking a class with me this semester. And then one day, I randomly asked her to read her own homework in front of class and explain what she has learned. Edwine broke crying and could not read. At the end of session, I asked her to see me at 5 PM that day.

When she showed up, I asked the reason she was crying. She said that she is afraid of crowd. I did not understand her. I then asked her if you are afraid of crowds, how do you live in the dorm with other girls. She broke crying again. "I do not talk to those girls in my room". Why? "they pick on me that I don't dress as a college girl. Deep down I feel inferior." At this point I called Kihomi to listen to what the girl was telling me with tears still coming down her eyes.

As a good mother Kihomi counseled her. Before she left our house, Kihomi showered her with bags, clothes, sheets, fleeces. The next morning, she sent her to the nearest town, to

Limbe market where a friend sells shoes. She picked herself nice pair of shoes. On weekends she sent her to Cap-Haitian to clothes herself as a university girl. Now Edwine's confidence in herself has gone way up and she is becoming the envy of her roommates.

Beside her makeover, Edwine meets with me 3 to 4 times every week to improve her reading skills. This Friday April 12, 2019. At 5:00 PM she came to read. Once we entered the guest room, I saw on the window some strange looking creature. Edwine observed closely to tell me that it was a snake. I told her to rush out to the main living room. Quickly Kihomi boiled water and they both killed the snake. Bravo women!

Kihomi said that we are helping Edwine read and she has helped us kill the snake. Please when it comes to killing weird creatures (snakes, frogs, lizards), do not count on me.

Thank you for praying for us. Your prayers protect us from weird creatures like snakes.

Yours,

Nzunga & Kihomi

Dear Supporters,

I can attest that Nzunga does not like snakes. We were in my pontoon boat fishing when a harmless water snake swam towards the boat. I thought I was going to get to see the third person in history walk on water.

The number of people in Haiti that get to go to collage is very small and the number of women even smaller. In my way of thinking that should be enough for them to feel blessed and content. It turns out that man's propensity to judge and put down anyone that is different is lurking in all situations. Wanting to fit in is universal also. This is a Christian college. Why aren't the other women helping one that has less resources? This is not the first time this has happened and Kihomi always comes to the rescue. We have different styles of reading glasses that are given away at the eye clinic, but some are considered fashionable and some aren't. You can guess what they want. Solomon was right when he said all is vanity. Never-the-less it is our job to remove any obstacle that is preventing them from becoming what God has planned for them. Be it reading skills or college girls clothes, Nzunga and Kihomi jump in to raise their self esteem as well as their academic learning.

Thank you for your support. You can add Edwine to the list of struggling people you have helped.

Because He loved us first,

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