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Wings of Healing Amanda Samra

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Helping and Hurting Go Hand in Hand

I have known Belinda since she was a young girl, and she is now a married woman expecting her first child. Over the years WoH has helped her with school fees and assisted as she grew her tailoring skills. In August, WoH helped her with partial payment of a sewing machine to help her start her own business.

Here are a few ways that you have helped us, in 2023, to minister, besides raising and educating nineteen kids:

<u>Life Vision Pentecostal Church Lamaja</u> was blessed with twentyfive Bibles, twenty pairs of reading glasses and twenty children's Sunday School books.

<u>Calvary Church Lamaja</u> was blessed with twelve Bibles and twenty-five pairs of reading glasses.

Idiwa Church in the Refugee Settlement was blessed by the Feed & Seed Program in April and August with food items, seeds as well as Bibles and reading glasses for the church members and the elderly. The best part of the story is that church members shared their harvests with non-believing neighbors in a situation where food was scarce. You also helped us to repair Pastor Victor's motorcycle for continued evangelism.





Now for the most difficult and hurting thing that has recently happened. When it was time to harvest the fish from the fishpond that we stocked with almost 5000 African Catfish, we only got about 500 fish from the pond. Selling these fish was meant to help us finish installing windows and doors in our buildings, pay student scholarships, and upgrade our water tanks at home.

It seems our employee had been selling the fish and the fish food to other people around the area. It was a great loss and a heartbreaking issue. Sadly, there is no way that the theft could have happened without the community knowing.





Now we have security cameras and lights at the fishponds and at home thanks to a generous individual donation and other funds from all of you. The community now knows about the security cameras. We shifted another worker, Opio, to the fishponds, and he is more suited to the work there than to the work here at the farm. He is actually doing great!

I have learned much in all of this, and my ability to forgive and move forward with what is next has been deepened. This isn't the first time or even the last time dealing with Satan's

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plan to disrupt ministry work, but I am not wavering from God's plan and purpose for us. It is truly great!

I will be in Spokane, WA on November 3. I will fly into Atlanta and drive to the Dothan, AL and Destin, FL areas from November 6-11. Then, I will be making trips to the Oklahoma City area during the week of Thanksgiving.

I will be back in Spokane on November 26-December 3 when I fly out. Give me a call if you want to meet around my busy schedule. You may text me on my number: 509-641-2376.

If you would like to donate to my urgent needs, please take a look at my Amazon wishlist linked here <u>https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/X5DV1ZDR0PWZ</u>.

I send love and thanks to you all! Keep praying and supporting us! In His Hands,

Amanda Samrani

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