



It's about a boy who changed my world....

Yes – that's right – I'm writing to tell you about a small boy who has made a big impact on me.

His name is Adam. Adam Robert was born on October 15, 1999 in North West Tanzania. He was born to a family of simple farmers, raising cattle and living from the land as best they could. Because Adam was born with albinism, he learned very early on that he was different. The very light colour of his skin, hair and eyes made him stand out from his family and his whole village. This difference made him the object of discrimination from a very early age. 12 years went by when suddenly something happened to Adam that changed his life forever.



One day prior to his 12th birthday – on October 14, 2011, Adam was savagely attacked by a man wielding



a machete. The attacker intended to hack off all of Adam's limbs to sell to a witchdoctor. Tens of thousands of dollars would be obtained from the grisly "transaction". Adam struggled hard, screaming, and biting his attacker. The man fled with 3 of Adam's fingers from his right hand. Two ferocious cuts with the machete showed his intent to take Adam's left arm as well but without success.

Adam survived only because he fought so hard until the neighbours came running. Sadly, Adam's own father was complicit in the attack for money. He watched the entire thing from just a few feet away and did nothing to stop it. The criminals were caught but later released in an utter travesty of justice.

Adam now lay in hospital, wounded and abandoned – but somehow – still full of determination.

I clearly recall my first meeting with Adam in the hospital in Tanzania. His courage struck me immediately.

I asked him how I could help and he said, "All I want is to go to school!"

I determined then and there to do all I could to grant his beautiful wish. The challenge was that he could not write with either hand. So, I began to pray and think of what could be done.



Fast forward a year. We arranged for Adam to have a special life-changing operation here in Canada. A team of surgeons donated their time to literally rebuild Adam's right hand! Adam is in Vancouver with me as I write this. He has a new hand. He has been learning English. His emotional trauma has been healing. In short – his life has changed.



But – as I said earlier – ADAM HAS CHANGED MY LIFE. He is inquisitive, smart, playful and kind. For 2 weeks I sat next to his bed at Vancouver General hospital – wiped his tears, held his hand, played and prayed with him. I marvel at his resilience and courage. Because of Adam I complain a bit less now about things. He is my hero!

Here is where I need you. Please – get involved. Under The Same Sun cares for over 300 students like Adam. Kids who are bright and courageous, but who are innocent victims of discrimination and attacks.

At Christmas, we think of Jesus, who – a little boy – God's Son – came to change the world. I think of how Adam, and every one of our UTSS kids, can change the world.

They need your help this Christmas. Schooling, food and medical supplies all come with a price tag.

A promise to our kids of \$25 per month buys basic medical supplies such as sunscreen. \$100 per month would cover tuition, boarding and supplies for a primary student. A one-time gift of \$30, \$50, \$150, \$600 or \$1500.00 would change a life.



Please say yes to helping kids like Adam today.

It takes 60 seconds to give online: www.underthesamesun.com – you will get a tax receipt for your gift. Mail us a cheque if you prefer. Please join me in helping “our kids” change the world this Christmas. These kids are our greatest “weapon” against discrimination and our most powerful resource in educating and advocating a culture towards change.

Thank you for your kind support and generous partnership in our life saving work.

God Bless you this Christmas,

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