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Sunday is Coming



Kabula recovering in hospital

Meet Kabula. In 2010 she lost her right arm to a barbaric machete attack just because she has albinism. Sadly, her story is not unique in Tanzania and elsewhere.

As we approach the Easter season I think of the ideas of hope and despair, victory and defeat, life and death.

People with albinism in many parts of the world relate deeply to these themes. Kabula and her family certainly relate.

During this Easter season let's pause to reflect on the circumstances that people with albinism in Tanzania are facing right now.

Good Friday reminds us of another innocent One who was mutilated, beaten, and ultimately murdered, not because of an evil He committed, but simply because of who He was. Those around Him made Him the object of their ridicule and scorn. They made Him the target of their rage and rejection. They killed Him.

He lay in the grave, Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night... Hope seemed gone. He was forgotten by most. Would anything change?

But Sunday was coming.

Dawn broke on that Sunday morning. He promised those who followed Him hope. He promised them the suffering would not be in vain. He said to expect life to emerge from this rejection and death. And indeed everything changed.

That Sunday He rose again to life. He showed that ignorance, violence and evil could be overcome by the power of hope and love.

There was victory.

This Easter I think of Kabula in Tanzania, and many others with albinism who face their own "Friday of Discrimination and Death". They face stigma, social rejection, exclusion from school, and even mutilation and murder.

They, too, are targeted as objects of scorn simply because of WHO THEY ARE. They lie in the "grave" of fear and hopelessness, all but forgotten.

ButSunday IS coming.... Believe it....

UTSS is committed to Sunday! We believe in the hope we see in the bright eyes and smiles of the 326 students with albinism in our education program in Tanzania. Today, Kabula is one of these students. Many more are waiting for the opportunity.

When we see our students advance to the next grade or graduate, we see Sunday coming - A day when they will in fact, take their rightful place in every level of society. And we believe the days of FRIDAY, the days of discrimination, will be a faint memory because **SUNDAY IS COMING**.



Kabula outside her school, wearing her Sunday best

This Easter will you invest in hope? Will you help Sunday come sooner for more children like Kabula?

We invite you to donate today - online or using the enclosed response card and envelope.

100% of your gift will be used to further the UTSS education program in Tanzania.

Thank you and may you be blessed this Easter!

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Update from the Field

As we approach this Good Friday, things look especially dark in Tanzania and the surrounding area. There has been a new wave of recent vicious attacks and murders of people with albinism. In the past six months according to UN sources, at least 15 people with albinism in Tanzania as well as neighboring Malawi and Burundi have been abducted, wounded, killed or escaped being kidnapped, including three such attacks this month. The UN has strongly condemned this escalation linking it to the upcoming elections in Tanzania. This is because it is believed that albino body parts can make a person instantly prosperous and wealthy. A complete set of body parts from a person with albinism can sell for up to \$150,000. The superstition is fuelled by witchdoctors, and supported by wealthy consumers, often businessmen and politicians.

Last week over 200 'unlicensed traditional healers' or witchdoctors were detained by police in Tanzania as part of a nationwide special operation. However, most have since been released.

UTSS has been intensifying its efforts in the wake of these events. In Tanzania, our Critical Response Team is on the scene within hours of an attack to support victims and their families, educate the community, and cooperate with police to see that perpetrators are caught. THE NEEDS ARE URGENT AND WE ARE RESPONDING! We greatly appreciate your support to scale up the work, determined that hope and love will lead to brighter days ahead.