

PAAV Perspectives

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During the past year, Project Adopt A Village (PAAV) has been able to help more people due to your kind contributions.

People with HIV who were very sick and who were expected to die have now regained their health through the home to home based care and support they got. Those who had health problems got treatments while those who had no incomes to buy food were provided with nutritional support. Then they were provided with jobs and now they are earning their own livings instead of asking others for help. They also take care of their children. In addition, educational support was provided to poor students, nutritional support was given to infants and children and free medical services were provided to HIV patients and to poor patients who can't pay for health care.

Because of your help, children are mentally and physically fit to attend school. You have to know that young kids lose consciousness or fall down from their seats while attending class because of hunger. Most poor kids have nothing to eat for breakfast when they go to school and also nothing to eat for lunch. Because of this most can't continue with their education even though some are very brilliant kids. Infants and very young kids also have normal growth and development thanks to the nutritional supports provided by our project. Most of all mothers, who because of poverty and HIV had lost all hope of living, are now strong working women who can take care of themselves, their children, and their families.

Your contributions have restored lives, families and hopes in many people. Those without dignity, who were looked upon as being beneath others in society are now respected members of their communities. HIV patients who were ashamed of themselves are now able to walk with their heads held high. Some of the poor students you helped are now doctors, office workers, bankers, accountants.

You have been instrumental in changing the lives of so many people. By helping these people, you also have improved the lives of their children, their families, their neighborhood and the society they live in. If your help had not been there when these people needed it, some would still be bedridden, some would have become sex workers, some would have ended being street people, some would have problems with their mental and physical developments, some would have stopped going to school, and most would have been dead by now.

You live so far away and most probably have no idea what these people look like...but your love, your compassion, and your kindness have transformed the lives of so many people, much more than you will ever imagine.

You have restored the lives and dignity of these people...people like Aynalen.

Thank you very much and God bless you!



Meet Aynalen

Aynalen's husband left his family, only to return four years later. She, along with her son and daughter, welcomed him home. Soon after, he became ill and was found to have HIV/AIDS. The family also discovered that Aynalen had become infected.

Following the death of her husband, Aynalen became very ill and was bedridden. Family members brought her to the Sendafa Health Center where Dr. Frew and the PAAV team were able to care for her.

With antiviral medications, in-home care, physical therapy, and improved nutrition, her health improved. After regaining her strength, the PAAV team provided her with funds to start a small business buying and selling vegetables and fruit in the marketplace five days a week.

Now 38 years old, Aynalen continues on antiviral medications. Her business allows her to keep both of her children in school, and the family is thriving.