

# July 2017 Newsletter: Carrying on the Legacy of Compassion

Learn For Life Kenya Co-Founder, Anne Muindi-Shemenski, honors her father's memory by sharing the impact he had on her family and many thousands more.

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## The Very Rev. Bernard M. Muindi (November 26, 1934 - June 12, 2017)

On June 12th, 2017, my dear, loving, and caring Dad peacefully lost his short battle with cancer. While my family and friends continue to mourn our loss, we are comforted knowing that he is rejoicing with the angels and interceding on our behalf.

Over the past few weeks, I have been reflecting on my Dad's life to help provide a source of strength as I grieve his loss. His inspiring and unparalleled life, vision, and work left an indelible imprint on thousands of individuals across the globe—many of whom have graciously shared their memories with me.

I learned through these stories how my Dad quietly, respectfully, and lovingly served as a relentless champion for those in need. He paid school fees and bought school uniforms for numerous children who could not afford an education. He provided funds so that sick neighbors and friends could obtain the medical care they needed. He worked with civic leaders in advocating for the less fortunate. During one of his tours as a young parish minister, he even saved his entire housing allowance so that he could purchase and donate a piece of land for the construction of a new church and over the years donated several properties to communities in need. The stories go on and on.

My Dad's lifelong commitment to the most vulnerable in Kenyan society continued past his retirement as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa when he saw the need to found the Tumaini Children's Ministry to care for the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of destitute children in central Kenya. Through his passion and vision, he inspired community leaders and international donors to participate in the project, resulting in the construction of an orphanage, a medical clinic and, most recently, a vocational training center (see photos, below).

My Dad inspired us to found Learn For Life Kenya, which is partnering with the Tumaini Children's Ministry, to complete the vocational training center and carry on his legacy. Through this work, we strive to honor my Dad's memory and fulfill his final vision to make a hope-filled, dignified future a reality for this and future generations of employable youth in Kenya.

Please join us as we thank God for sharing such a remarkable man with our world, as we lift my family up in thoughts and prayer during this time of intense loss, and as we strive to complete my Dad's vision with faith, wisdom, and resolve.

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## Honor My Dad's Legacy: Complete the Vocational Training Center





To realize my Dad's vision, Learn For Life Kenya is continuing to raise funds to complete construction and implement programs at the Vocational Training Center, scheduled for completion in June 2018. Please join us in making this dream a reality for many by making a donation today.

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## Tumaini Children's Home: A Refuge for Vulnerable Children



Under my Dad's leadership, the Ministry built the building above, Tumaini Children's Home, in 1997 to house vulnerable and orphaned children. The Ministry manages a second home, Huruma Children's Home, once a government facility. Together, these facilities care for about 250 children today.

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## The Sugarbaker Memorial Clinic: Providing Medical Care to the Children and Community



Inspired by my Dad's vision and leadership, residents of Tumaini Children's Ministry's two children's homes and the surrounding community have access to health and medical services. The Clinic is the result of extremely generous funding from the Sugarbaker Foundation.

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2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.



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