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"Discipling the Ordinary"
February 8, 2014

One might not think that an ordinary 18-year-old girl from Tennessee could make a huge impact for God. But when you hear the story of Katie Davis, you may think otherwise.

In December of 2006, Katie travelled to Uganda on a short-term mission trip. Both the people and the country immediately captivated her. She returned the next summer as a permanent resident and kindergarten teacher for an orphanage.

When she discovered that the area of Uganda where she’d be working had only privately operated schools that many families couldn't afford, she started a sponsorship program. Today over 600 children are sponsored through Amazima Ministries.

After developing friendships with the local village women, Katie wanted to help them provide for their families. They desperately needed work in order to make a better life for their children living with unsanitary conditions, malnutrition, and disease. But no respectable jobs were available-only prostitution, alcohol brewing, and trash picking. So Amazima Ministries established a self-sustaining vocational program for mothers. The women make unique, handmade necklaces and bracelets using recycled magazine paper. These are sold in the U.S. and the proceeds allow the mothers to feed their children, send them to school, and even buy land for houses.

Katie also started a feeding program in the slum outside Jinja, Uganda. Amazima Ministries now feeds lunch to over 1,200 children, five days a week. The ministry also provides the opportunity for members of the Masese community to receive medical assistance during the week.

And if all this weren't enough, in 2008, at the age of 20, Katie officially became the mother of three orphaned girls. Since then she has adopted 10 more daughters and is now the proud mother of 13 Ugandan girls. She has written about her experience in the book, Kisses from Katie.1

Speaking of her work, Katie says, "People tell me I am brave. People tell me I am strong. People tell me good job. Well here is the truth of it. I am really not that brave, I am not really that strong, and I am not doing anything spectacular. I am just doing what God called me to do as a follower of Him. Feed His sheep, do unto the least of His people."2

Rich Stearns, President of World Vision U.S., writes, "Through Katie's life, we're reminded how God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things for Him. We simply need to be willing to be used."3

If you feel like an "ordinary" person, then you're in good company! Just take a look at Jesus' earthly parents. They were ordinary people. Then take a look at Peter, one of Jesus' most influential disciples. He was a common fisherman. And also take a look at most of the people Jesus ministered to. Jesus sought out the poor, the oppressed, and the social outcasts.

How is it that Jesus can use ordinary people? Because all that is required is a servant's heart. And if you have that, you are actually extraordinary.
About Us

Since 1988, the Center for Creative Ministry has been serving local church leaders and individuals around the world. Formerly known as the publishers of ABBA Newsletter and the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center, we have now broadened our generational/ministry focus to include our children. The Center for Creative Ministry took on its new name on June 1, 1996.

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