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Hope Begins with a Test



Dorothy is a young teenage girl living in Malawi. She is an orphan, raising her three younger brothers alone. Both her parents died from AIDS-related illnesses, and two of her brothers were born with HIV. Dorothy is unemployed and she struggles to provide for herself and her brothers. Because Dorothy has no source of income, all the family has to eat is some maize flour stored in a bucket. The only source of hope Dorothy has is the support of her peer-to-peer group started by World Renew for

young women in her community. Dorothy bravely shared her story in the hope that other children would not lose their parents to AIDS.

The fight against the devastation of HIV/ AIDS can only begin with a test. People need to know their HIV status. Impoverished communities in developing countries like Malawi are most affected by the disease. One million people die each year because they do not know that they have HIV, and are not on treatment or start treatment too late. An estimated 13.4 million children worldwide have lost one or both parents to AIDS. Pregnant women, like Dorothy's mother, who do not know they have the virus, pass it onto their unborn babies.

We know that Jesus offers his hope even in deep sorrow, and that “He will wipe every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21:4). World Renew offers God's love and compassion by providing HIV tests and by breaking down the barriers to treatment through counselling. Access to clinics, anti-retroviral drugs, and nutrition programs are a precious lifeline for those learning to live positively with HIV.

Your donations towards HIV tests, counselling, and programs that lead to better well-being can stop the transmission of HIV/ AIDS and save lives. **To learn more about World Renew's work, go to: worldrenew.net**

Hope Begins with a Test, and You Can Help Provide One Today.



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