



# MISSION <sup>TO</sup> THE FATHERLESS

*Christmas 2021*

## Devotion on John 3:30 - by Rodgers

The verse is one of the shortest in the Bible. "He must increase, but I must decrease." This is John the Baptist testifying about Jesus. We all know that he came to prepare the way for the Messiah. He knew very well that Jesus was greater than him. He says in John 1:27 that he (John the Baptist) is not worthy to untie the sandal of He (Jesus) who comes after him.

### The Background Of The Verse:

Jesus was baptizing in the land of Judea while John was baptizing in Aenon. There arose a discussion between John's disciples and a Jew about purification. They then went to John to tell him that Jesus was baptizing people and large crowds were following Him. John answered that a man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

### Meaning And How We Should Live It Out In Our Lives:

This verse means that everything in our life has been planned by God and we should only do our part. John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for Christ who was greater than him. He had to do his part and not to compare himself to Jesus. This verse is teaching us that all the successes and failures in our lives happen with God's purpose. All successes should be dedicated to God. We are only stewards in the kingdom of God and not owners. We should not be bragging that we made it because we were too strong, nor too brave. Let us always acknowledge God in everything that we do in our lives that He is all that we need. All the praises are for Him. He must increase, but I must decrease.

*"And so the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" -Luke 2:10-11*

## Medical News

A continuing expense for Mission To The Fatherless is medical care. Aside from the typical illnesses and medication needs that arise, malaria is a common problem and needs to be treated each time someone has it. Also, one of our students has a condition called Osteomyelitis, a bone infection, which requires consistent treatments.

This year Mission To The Fatherless provided Typhoid vaccines for all the students and young adults we serve.

We have just received news that the first of our young adults has received his initial Moderna COVID Vaccine.



Harriet graduated in August 2021 with a degree in Communications. She is our first female student to graduate with a four-year degree.

## Kennedy's Story

This is the story of a young man who has been singularly focused and who always knows what goals he wants to accomplish. He was orphaned and came to MTF in 2003 as a five-year-old, in desperate need of love and acceptance.

In our 2020 Newsletter we told you that Kennedy was graduating. As it turns out, the instructor misplaced the workbooks and tests he had previously completed, holding up his graduation

Kennedy worked diligently to get permission from the Professor and the University to independently search for these lost items. Traveling to the university required two permissions from the government, since traveling was not permitted due to COVID-19. After searching through hundreds of documents, he found the required documents. Kennedy was allowed to graduate in Spring of 2021 with a four-year degree in Education.

**What's App message July 2021 - from Kennedy:** *"Hello, this could be Good News, I hope you find it suitable. I have been reaching out to friends and relatives for a teaching job. Early this week, I received a call from a friend. He tutors International Students from Cambridge International School-NAIROBI. He tutors international students and is willing to give me two of his students that I'll be teaching."*

By US standards this is a very meager salary. However, Kenya is evolving and prices are increasing for basic requirements. Yet salaries are not keeping up with inflation.

Kennedy was so grateful for all that MTF has done for him throughout the years. He told us he would not need his current monthly living expense of \$105, but instead wants it given to other students of MTF. Kennedy also said that in several months he'd love to begin sponsoring a student at MTF. We were filled with joy hearing these comments.

## How You Can Help

In addition to medical needs donations to MTF are used for living expenses, clothing, transportation, school fees/scholarships, Bibles, Bible study materials and internet access, and legal fees. Mission to the Fatherless is 100% volunteer-led. All funds are used to directly support the students and young adults we serve and the minimal, related operating expenses.

Donations can be made through PayPal, debit, or credit card at [missiontothefatherless.org](http://missiontothefatherless.org)

**COVID IN Kenya (10.28.21)**  
**Population: 55,405,889**  
**Cases: 253,018 Deaths: 5,270**

Or you may mail a check in the enclosed envelope or to:  
Mission to the Fatherless,  
PO Box 770915, Lakewood, OH 44107.

**Student Survey 2020 - from Kennedy:** *I'm indebted to the entire MTF Board both US and Kenyan Board for commitments to support the orphans in Africa-Kenya, being one of the orphans raised in MTF. I want to record my grateful thanks to the Supreme God Almighty for contributing immensely in different ways towards the success of the orphans in MTF.*

*I thank God for the unconditional love you have for me. I promised myself to give back to the society and be a blessing to the needy kids that same way you've been a blessing to my life and inspired me a lot. Be blessed abundantly."*

Kennedy successfully started this position at \$5/session per student with 1 to 2 sessions a day. After several months, he relocated to his own apartment. He worked with Kenyan and US Board members establishing a projected budget and was able to set up his own apartment with the assistance of Kemboi Martin of MTF.

**Student Survey 2020 - Kennedy answered the question "What is God teaching you?":** *"God is teaching me to be a great educator and have the chance to influence many kids in many positive ways including them seeing me live out my faith. God is also teaching me patience and He's granted me good health with all that is going on with the pandemic virus impacting all of us around the world. As Christians we are fortunate to know that God is in control of everything."*

*Wishing all a Christmas  
filled with peace and joy!*