Serving in His Love

In 2018 FFHC has been blessed to have field officers who are assigned to specific village projects. They work with the goat recipients to encourage them and show them that obstacles can be overcome. Here is the unedited report of one Field Officer about a family he serves:

From Melania Marmo (45) living in sub-village called Aslni in one of the FFHC project site known as chemchem. She joined the project in 2009 and succeed to complete her pass on and pass back to help her fellows to be given a goat. She is a member of FFHC for 9 years now, but here is a story where FFHC played a significant role that changed her family’s life.

“Education, advice, and encouragement is the main factor for changing the definition of impossible to possible,” said Melania.

Back 29 years ago, Melania was lived in a stick mud house with her husband and their children. It was a very challenging environment by that time because their fellow villagers were very scatted, and their environment was very scary with bushes. They were living in a house where during rain it leaked, no comfortability, joy and bad enough is at night when they heard hyena screaming near their house. It was absolutely a poor house.

In 2009, Melania joined the FFHC, and as long as FFHC is providing people with goat at same time encouraging them to fight for their own development. So because of encouragement and be close to the project, Melania started believed her dream to build a brick house was possible, the transformation journey started in the same year of her membership with FFHC. “I wonder why was it impossible to build a house before I joined the project, but after joined the project before even my goat gave the firstborn, I saw everything was possible through God, who sent FFHC in my life. I believe I could achieve a lot because if the presence, love, closeness and motivational advices gave me the house, what if I could sell goats,” said Melania.

Currently, Melania has a dream to open a local cafeteria in her village where she could sell goat milk tea and food. She believes it will be another source of her family income and also she will use the opportunity to advertise the benefits of goat milk to the villagers, especially to the children.

FFHC is feeling very lucky to have this kind of family which realizing the other side of the coin of the FFHC, as the company we are feeling proud for the donors who give their money and support to help the peoples dreams become reality.
What the Field Officer has referred to here as a “cafetería” is what in the U.S. would be called a tea shop.

Here are before and after photos of their house:

Even before Melania’s first doe gave birth, things began to change for the better for her family because of hope, which was the product of encouragement and someone to walk alongside her. The photos show what a huge difference having hope has made for her family. Isn’t that awesome?!

Without hope, life stagnates and can become a mere existence. Mere existence is not God’s desire for us. Christ came that we might live an abundant life. (John 10:10) We can have the gift of the Holy Spirit to walk alongside us. (Acts 2:38)

My prayer for you for 2019: “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13; The emphasis is mine.) Even after four and a half years of living in Tanzania, the cultural differences sometimes rob me of joy and peace. So, I ask that you would make that your prayer for me also. Thank you!

May you enjoy God’s richest blessings in 2019 and experience an abundant life as together we serve in His love!

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