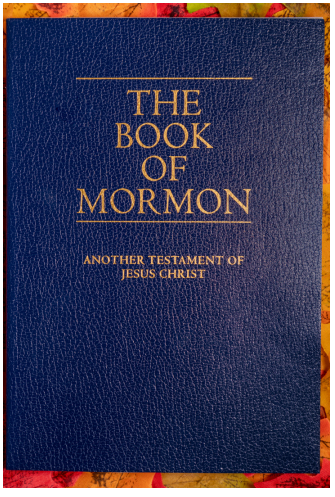
When Brother A was just 23 years old, he was living in a large city, far from his village, hoping to build a better future for himself. One day, a friend invited him to attend church. What began as a simple invitation became a life-changing experience. Brother A recognized the truth of the restored gospel, was baptized, and soon found himself serving as the First Counselor in the Young Men organization in his ward.





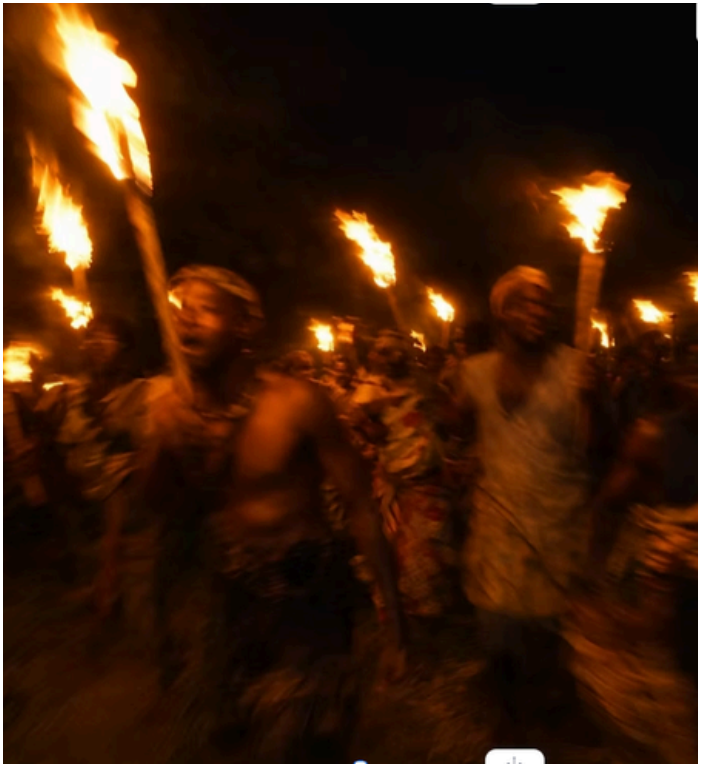
His faith grew quickly, and he developed a deep desire to serve a full-time mission. There was just one obstacle: he needed money for a passport. Hoping to find a way to make his dream possible, he returned to his village.





But a few months later, his life changed forever.

One night, a mob attacked his family home. To this day, it is unclear whether the attack was connected to his father's leadership position in the district or Brother A's membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The mob beat and killed his father. Fearing for his own life, Brother A fled. His journey eventually brought him to Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi.



He had lost his home, his father, and the future he had imagined. Yet, even in the uncertainty of life in the camp, he found opportunities to serve.

Not long after arriving, he recognized a woman from his stake choir back home. She had three young children, and had been parted from her husband during the violence they had experienced. That sister and Brother A banded together to survive. Young Brother A helped protect and look after the mother and her children until her husband finally arrived about a year later.



A few years passed. Then, one day, while walking home from a judo competition, Brother A noticed a group of rowdy men surrounding a young woman. They had taken her phone, and it appeared they intended to harm her. Without hesitation, Brother A stepped in, intervened, and safely escorted her home.

That young woman was Sister A.

What began as an act of courage grew into a beautiful friendship, and eventually, marriage. Today, they have two precious little boys and have built a family together. Their story is one of love, but it is also a story of two people who continue to look beyond their own circumstances to care for others.

We see that spirit in the little things, and sometimes in the things that are not so little.

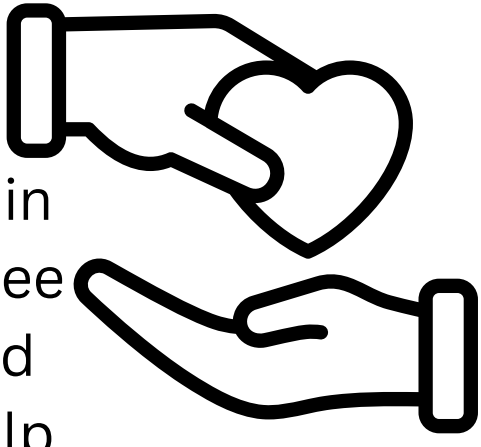
When another refugee sister suffered a miscarriage, we learned that Sister A had gone to the hospital simply to sit with her and offer comfort during a heartbreaking time.

When a brother was rebuilding a wall around his home, we were not surprised to see Brother A there, offering his time and helping hands.

And then there was last Christmas.

Brother and Sister A's support group had sent them some money for Christmas. They used part of it to purchase something their family desperately needed: a new bed. They also bought a few little toys for their boys. But rather than using the remaining money for themselves, they decided to buy food for three hungry families.

Brother A explained it simply:
“Although our resources are limited, we are committed to using what we have to help others in any way we can.”



Think about that for a moment. Even in the difficult circumstances of a refugee camp, Brother and Sister A still looked around to see people who needed help. Even when their own family had so little, they still found a way to give.

On another occasion, when we sent Brother A some money to help with a much-needed project, he sent us a message that has stayed with us:
“Thank you for your support. One day, Sister A, our two children, and I will be able to share your generosity with many others.”



He doesn't see himself as someone who will always need help. He sees a future in which he and his family will be able to give back, lift others, and become a blessing to the people around them.

Brother and Sister A have taught us so much about service. They have taught us that generosity is not measured by how much we have, but by how willing we are to share it. They have taught us about compassion, faith, patience, and hope.

Most people have a photograph on their WhatsApp profile. Brother A has chosen something different. His profile displays a simple saying:

“God has something better for me, I just have to wait.”

Perhaps that little saying tells us more about Brother A than anything else could. He has endured unimaginable loss, uncertainty, and hardship. Yet he continues to believe in a better tomorrow. And while he waits for that tomorrow, he makes today better for the people around him.

We are so grateful to know this remarkable family.

We love you, Brother and Sister A!

Thank you for reminding us what it truly means to have a heart that serves.