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70 days long – 7 stories – 70 years strong!

On November 14th of this year I will turn a corner. I will be a BIG Seven Zero! I am thankful for so many things, not the least of these being that God has given me 70 years of life. With this blessing of longevity I want to bless the village of Nsanganiza in the mountains of Malawi. That means a BIG celebration—my 70yearsstrong birthday campaign.

On my first trip to Malawi in 2019, I learned that those living in the village of Nsanganiza have continuously prayed for provision. Now I want to try and be an answer to those prayers. But I cannot do it alone. That's where 70yearsstrong comes into play – 70 days long – 7 stories – 70 years strong!

This campaign will run for 70 days. Within those days I will share 7 stories (this is #1). I hope you will be blessed. I know that I will be as I share with you during these coming 70 days.

7 is the number of completion. I want to honor that holy number by asking ALL of you to pray. Then, if you are willing and able, give any amount towards my birthday campaign that has a 7 in it! \$7, \$17, \$27, \$77, \$107, \$777, \$7,000, whatever God tells you! Remember your gifts are not for me. They are for Him. They will be used as an answer to prayer. Isn't it amazing how God chooses to use us to be His hands and feet?

Why Malawi? Let me introduce to you to Redson and Maryam, our international missionary partners and founders of the Nsanganiza Project. Maryam is the daughter of a Muslim father and a mother who knew Jesus. Redson comes from a long line of Christian pastors. Both were raised in the village of Nsanganiza but left for the city to attend school. After they met and married they heard God's voice to return. With the awareness of hungry children, arranged marriages for young teen girls, and forgotten widows, so grew their compassion and desire to return to the village to start God's work. Their vision to reach their community with Christ's love has begun and we at CRI are privileged to be part of it.



For me, when I go to a new project I have so many questions. Like, how do you say in Chichewa “hi” and “where is the bathroom?” I have to tell you, honestly, I will never get the hang of this Chichewa language; it's really hard. But I have learned over the years that a big smile and lots of laughter goes a long way. I have been assigned to be Redson and Maryam's mentor with CRI. I love this young couple and their vision to glorify God. That's my vision too.

So there you have it. My 70yearsstrong campaign is about celebrating another God-given blessed year, but also giving Him glory, praise, and thanksgiving. Please consider helping me—helping CRI—take the light of Christ to the people of Nsanganiza village. May God bless you!