

## **Tributes to Ann Fort from some of those who knew her and loved her in Kenya.**

Jennifer directs the AIDS program for the Kaaga Synod and has known Ann for probably more than a decade:

*Ooh what a great loss, it's hard to let Ann go, But since it is written, I pray that she will shine with stars of heaven. The great works she did in Kenya for her lifetime will remain in our thoughts. RIP. Mom ANN. Jennifer*

From Bishop Catherine Mutua, a longtime friend and ministry partner with Ann:

*Ann, our mam has gone? Go well mam, God was gracious such that he gave you another chance when he allowed you to come to Kenya "one more time"! To tell us goodbye.*

*Before God allowed you one more time to come to Kenya; when I visited you in Denver, you told me this" my friend, if we do not meet again here on earth, let us meet before the throne of God in heaven " however, I assured her that we would meet here on earth once again, which we did when God granted you an opportunity to visit us one more time and you travelled to Kenya last year. This was for sure to be your last time to visit us , eat with us, play and pray with us, give us your last hugs and embraces and share words of wisdom with us.*

*However humanly speaking it breaks my heart deeply to know that I will not see her in her physical body again. Ann loved Kenya, not the Animals of Africa, but Us the people of Africa. Her main concern was the children Education and welfare. She worked so tirelessly and consistently for Rwarera primary school, paid school fees for many vulnerable Kenyans and helped in renovating their houses, she fed the street families and above it all, was a source of inspiration to us who watched her and worked with her.*

*She was selfless, last year when she came, we all felt like we were obligated to take care of her, but no, we were all, wrong she was determined to do what she came to do and go back to Rick her son Alive. She kept saying" Rick thought if I came to Kenya, I might not go back to him Alive, so I must take care of myself, so that I could go back to him Alive" I do not want to disappoint him by going back in a coffin ", and she would smile softly.*

*Ann mam, I am a close, friend and a witness of the great work you started in Kenya including the academy in Meru town. I will try as much as possible to see to it that your projects and legacy that you have built selflessly over the years will grow and your name will never be forgotten by us Kenyans and particularly the Meru community.*

*I take this opportunity to Thank her family for dedicating memorials to the center for health and hope for Kenya Ann fort foundation. God bless you, Thank you too for taking care of your mam. Both when she was strong and even in her struggling moments.*

*Don thank you so much for sharing and letting us know, I am happy because she will go straight to where the saints go.!*

*She has fought a good fight, she has kept the faith and am sure she has won the price.*

*Rest In Peace mam, Till we meet again.*

Catherine

From Olive Mwenda, the manager at the bio-intensive center where Ann stayed her whole time whenever she visited Kenya. It was like her home and she had her own cottage where she preferred to stay.

The center has a garden where Ann helped to clean whenever she visited. Finally, they did the landscaping and has planted beautiful flowers. They named it Ann Fort gardens.

*Mom Ann Fort, for the last 15 years I have known you as a perfect example of a follower of Christ. I saw so much generosity in you, how you helped the needy generously. You did so much for our people hear in Kenya. I helped to coordinated some of the projects at; Kithoka Primary School, Rwarera Primary School, Ngiine Primary School, Chuka Town Methodist Church and many others.*

*In these schools you changed a classroom into a library, cementing the floors, medical camps for the students and their parents, installation of greenhouses, installation of water tanks, school uniforms and shoes, painting the classrooms and renovations, Dairy goats for needy families, education funds for needy students, playground equipment and many others.*

*You were always grateful to have shared your life with so many wonderful people.*

*2016 you took me to Maasai Mara, just the two of us! You were very special to my life.*

*I will miss you so much, but I know you are safe with the Lord. Fare thee well Mom, Ann Fort.*

Olive Mwenda



Tribute from Silas Kaimenyi, PHD student at Kenyatta University Kenya. Silas is one of the many scholarship students educated through the Ann Fort Kenya Fund:

*It is painful to learn of Ann Fort's passing. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to her family, Church, beneficiaries of her sponsorship program and friends.*

*I met Ann Fort in 2008 when I was a volunteer teacher at Ngiine Primary school in Meru Kenya, where she had come with a team from Hope UMC USA, to construct a library and donate books. For two weeks she worked on Ngiine Pry Sch project; we shared a lot of stories and she learned a lot about me. She was very touched when she understood the challenges I was facing, especially in schooling.*

*Since then, Ann Fort has been taking care of me as her own son. In fact, her daughter Cathy calls me her brother and I consider her and her brothers my siblings. I have about a year to becoming a doctor of philosophy in Finance; Kenyatta University-- all owing to Ann's help and guidance. I don't know who I could be without her in my life. I, just like many others, considered Mrs. Ann Fort as an Angel sent to Kenya by God.*

*Ann Fort started her Christian Mission in Kenya 19 years ago. She was among the founders of Kenya Methodist University. Some of the projects she did in Kenya are: Construction of Churches, construction of classrooms, renovation of classrooms, construction of libraries and bookshelves, outhouses, wiring and electricity connection in schools, building houses for street children and feeding them, sponsoring students and much more.*

*Some of the institutions Ann Fort, together with her team from Hope UMC USA, helped are: Kenya Methodist University, Chuka Town Methodist Church, Bishop Lawi Secondary School, Kithoka Primary School, Ngiine Primary School, Rwarera Primary School and Kinani Academy. I implemented Hope's project at Kinani academy on her behalf last year. She gave me the responsibility of mentoring students in her scholarship program (AFSSes).*

*She fell sick while we were reviewing several project proposals for Meru School for Mentally Challenged. Ann Fort is considered a saint in Kenya. One of her drivers named his tourist transport company after her. I also intend to name my future projects after her.*

*Mrs. Ann Fort was so loving, humble, compassionate, understanding and the most beautiful soul I have ever met. She deserves a throne between the Angels. God has heard that prayer. May Mum rest in perfect peace. Amen.*

Silas