



THE KADI HEARTBEAT

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE AND PEGGY NARO

“My home is in heaven. I’m just traveling through this world.” - **Billy Graham**

Revelation 21:10-22 vividly describes what heaven looks like: a golden gate guarded by angels who one by one check the names of those who can enter. Once you enter, the city has golden streets and walls made of jasper. The tree of life stands on each side of the crystal clear river. There are no stars, moon or sun because God’s glory provides all the light. That is the home waiting for us. The Bible states clearly that we are here temporarily--our permanent home awaits us in heaven. Our day will come when we are called home; many have gone ahead of us this past year.

It saddens me to inform all of you that a beloved member of our Healing Kadi family has gone to be with the Lord. Mrs. Peggy Naro suddenly passed away in December 2020 and is now home with her husband watching over us. Peggy was a wonderful and compassionate person who was dedicated to the mission of The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF), just as much as her late husband Wayne.



My wife and I first met Wayne in his adult Bible study group at our church in Omaha and were introduced to Peggy as well. It was there where we shared many wonderful moments. In 2006 when I brought up the idea of going for a mission to South Sudan, Wayne was the first person to say “I’m going.” He truly had a heart for missions. Peggy was very hesitant about Wayne’s going to South Sudan. As you can imagine, any spouse who was sending their loved one thousands of miles across the world for the first time would be worried. Soon she came around and her journey with The Healing Kadi Foundation began.

Peggy’s love for missions and evangelism outshined her fears. Their affection and faith in missions was something that brought Peggy and Wayne very close to my family. In 2007, he went on a mission trip to South Sudan and helped start The Healing Kadi Foundation upon return. After Wayne went to be with the Lord in 2011, Peggy surprised us by volunteering to go to South Sudan in 2013 and again in 2015. Her guidance, wisdom, love, and compassion helped us reach thousands of people. She truly loved serving the Lord through evangelism. Myself, my family, HKF, and the people of South Sudan are truly indebted to them. We would not be reaching thousands of people with healthcare, love, and God’s word without them. Wayne laid down the foundation for Peggy to continue building and for us to finish. They truly helped start something so wonderful beyond what I could have imagined, and we are honored and blessed to have known them both.



Peggy will always be remembered as a quiet soul who showed her work through action. She lived as an example to us that when you let fear go and let God in, He will bring you peace and joy. This unexpected passing of Peggy, her going home, is all part of His plan. I trust that they would not want us to wallow because she knows that God’s timing is perfect, even though it seems imperfect to us. Peggy and Wayne will always be remembered as loving, compassionate, and faithful servants who loved everyone. They fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept their faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

Our Healing Kadi family will never be the same with the loss of both Peggy and Wayne. But we will continue to do the work that has been left by them. They are together again and watching over us as they are next to our Lord. Although they are physically gone, they will always be with us in memory, spirit, and in our hearts.

Thank you, Wayne and Peggy, for leaving us wonderful memories and love through your time with us.

Dr. Joseph Dumba

President, The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF)



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A KIND AND CARING MESSIAH

Many words can be used to describe 2020. Debilitating, scary, isolating, agonizing, and forgetful to name just a few. No happy words there. Likewise, I'm tired of quarantines, face masks fogging my vision and countless COVID tests so I can travel. I'm tired of Zoom meetings, carry-out only restaurant deliveries, and not being allowed to visit family and friends in hospitals.

What happened to our Healing Kadi Foundation mission and workers in Africa in 2020? Despite a significant pay cut, the staff continued to come to work on a daily basis, diligently caring for the thousands in need in Uganda. When all other medical relief agencies fled the refugee camp, our team anchored down and worked harder than ever. When the rumor spread that we might soon be returning to our clinic in South Sudan, hundreds of local volunteers arrived to clean and restore the clinic so as to hasten our arrival. What did these volunteers ask for in return? A simple meal of rice and beans plus a promise that we would return to care for them soon. A simple request for us but a potential life changing request from them.

In a year when the entire world seemingly fell apart, the Healing Kadi persisted, performed admirably, and competently fulfilled its mission despite significant cuts in donations, potential exposure to the virus, and having good reason to call it quits. How did this happen?

It is this writer's opinion that it's entirely because of the kindness of our Messiah. Jesus is gentle, kind, humble, and cares for us (Matthew 11:29). Despite the trials and struggles, we firmly believed Christ would sustain us, wouldn't forsake us, and would not allow us to fail. The book of Matthew speaks of the character of Christ. He quells the concerns of His followers. In 2020, we tasted the kindness of the Lord (I Peter 2:3).

Because of the kindness of Christ, the Healing Kadi Foundation made it through 2020. Jesus has been a caregiving Messiah to myself and HKF in 2020 and this same Messiah will continue to care and provide for you, me, and HKF during this new year. I have no doubt that 2021 will be a most memorable year for our Foundation and its life-saving work.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue our work in the Uganda refugee camp while also transitioning care and workers back to South Sudan.

In Christ's Love,

Chuck Tomek
Vice-President, The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF)



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RECOGNIZE THE HEALING KADI FOUNDATION STAFF

Dear Healing Kadi Foundation Supporters,

Would you please take the time to write an uplifting note or email to our dedicated Healing Kadi staff in Uganda? We have a staff of 28 now including a pastor, nurses, community health workers, physician assistants, HIV counselor, guards, cleaners, program coordinators, lab assistants, facility builder/mechanic, cook, midwife, and doctors. This year has been emotionally challenging for them, too. So we thought hearing from you might remind them that they are supported with thoughts and prayers here in the USA.



In the pandemic-focused year of 2020, our entire Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF) team experienced an increase in the number of patients, but also had challenges accessing the right resources, especially medications. Also, all HKF personnel had a pay cut for several months as funding lagged. Despite these difficulties, they continued to treat patients at the refugee camps.

We will spotlight a group of staff each week on our Facebook page. Please mail your letter to PO Box 8456, Omaha NE 68108 or by email to nhathaway@healingkadi.org.

Thank you in advance for your kind and caring words of support to our medical staff.

With heart-felt joy,

Debbie Tomek

Board Member, The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF)

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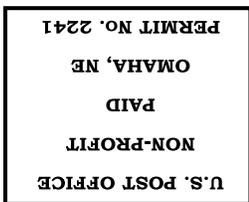
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So the poor have hope...

Job 5:16



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