

Patricia Schield is an American lady who came from Fort Lauderdale, Florida USA with a vision to help the disadvantaged and destitute children in the Masaai Plains of Kajiado County.

In her 60's she went back to school to learn how to teach children – all with her dream in mind.

She then took her inheritance and sold up everything she had and moved to Kenya.

She came and bought 10 Acres 6km from Isinya – a small town on the Namanga Hwy which goes to the Tanzanian border.

She then started construction of the school of a foundation for 6 classes and only got 3 rooms partially constructed then plans fell apart.

She found out that she had breast cancer which was progressing rapidly, and went for treatment.

At this time also – someone whom she had trusted to assist her stole her remaining money which had been set aside for the remainder of construction and opening the school – leaving her destitute on her death bed.

During this time she met Joseph Mboya a lawyer who decided to help her with her difficult situation. Patricia advised him to buy property next to the school, which he did.... Perhaps she foresaw the future.

As she was very sick she was taken to Europe to be with family – and knew she was dying. She had several conversations via the phone with Joseph and eventually asked him... please try and get the school up and running. Later that same day he received the call from her son that Patricia had passed away.

In her will, Patricia left the School property in Trusteeship to Joseph Mboya and her sons. Up until now her sons have never visited Kenya and not really had anything to do with the school. Joseph is in touch with them and advising them on what has been done and where we have reached. Trina also has spoken with both son's online, but still as yet they have not visited although one who is a teacher may visit some time - but no solid plans. From what they have said is that they are happy with what has been done to keep their mother's dream alive and that the children are benefiting from the school.

It is amazing to think that Patricia went to her grave thinking that everything that she dreamed for and wanted to do, ended up in failure... imagine she thought she had failed in her quest to help children.

If she could see what is happening now, this is what she would see...

1. The impact of the school in the community
2. How the school is changing the lives of children, not just academically but also in their characters and behaviours.
3. That the school is giving employment to more than 20 staff
4. That the school due to its presence in the community - and peaceful protest...has contributed to a safe quiet neighbourhood by preventing a rock quarry from decimating the quiet and peaceful environment that is now enjoyed by the neighbourhood.
5. That the school is having impact in the community by its other activities such as community classes during Covid school closure, Saturday children's program which gives children a safe environment to play and learn and get lunch when ordinarily they are left to fend for themselves while parents are working.
6. Another community program is Cricket and Chess... by letting children be exposed to different skills being able to learn something new.
7. The cooperation that we have with the Isinya School for deaf and how children are being taught Kenyan Sign Language.
8. We are now entering a new phase in Schield Centre by starting a special needs unit.

The above are just some of the things that would surprise Patricia if she knew....