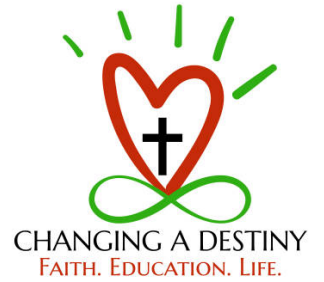


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**Donate
Here!**

Please consider making your gift to Changing A Destiny a monthly one. Every month, your donation will be automatically sent to us.



Changing Destinies...One Child at a Time.

Meet our Missionary Team!

We were so blessed to bring a team of 11 people to Africa, including three girls 6, 8 and 11.

The photo shows the entire team. The church bible study women gave us all gifts of matching dresses and shirts. This picture was taken before we went to experience the Kenyan Baptist Church.



Dan Hansen, a master electrician, attends Waterford Community Church. He taught CPR to the men during our trip. The men were amazed with the knowledge and were very excited to have it. We are hoping to teach the class again in January 2026.

All the 8 CPR dummies were donated by Parshall/Plaza Ambulance Service and Ken Rensch from Ambulance Resources in North Dakota. Dan made up posters that we laminated and hung all over the Church and School for future use. The posters were made in English and Swahili.

Justin Miller (sitting on bench, photo right) is a college professor and taught first aid to the men in the village. They had a lot of questions on what to do about snake bites, seizures, and every day scrapes and bruises. Justin also attends Waterford Community Church.



Missionary Team (cont.)



Angionette Hansen is a member at Waterford Community Church. She taught the women in the village about women's health, hygiene, and menstrual cycles. She also showed them how to use menstrual cloth kits.

She raised over \$1,000 to be able to buy menstrual kits for the women in the class and for future women who are in need.

Dr. Therese Miller is a member at Waterford Community Church. She taught the women in the village about "Self Care". She used a lacrosse ball to loosen up tight muscles & much more. The women loved the "massage" feeling!



Jennifer Loew, a Changing A Destiny Board Member, came up with the idea of washing women's feet as a way to demonstrate the humble love and selflessness of Christ.

Jesus washed his disciples feet just before the Last Supper. The women were amazed by the loving act of service they received.

The woman with Jennifer became very emotional as Jennifer was washing her feet.



Missionary Team (cont.)

Evelyn Miller (right), 11 years old, also participated in the washing of feet. It was an amazing experience to see these girls jumping in where help was needed.



Natalee Hansen is 8 years old. She is helping in the background of this picture. They also painted the toenails of the women who got their feet washed.

Fiona Miller is 6 years old and was on the January 2025 mission trip. Her mom Therese found this in her room.

To translate: *"I love Africa. But what was my favorite part was playing with the kids and planting the mango tree."*

Photo is her planting the tree with the watering can.



Jo Anne Woelfel (below) is a retired school teacher and really enjoyed spending time with the kids in the classrooms. She also helped wash the feet of the women and felt that it helped her make a real connection with them.



Liz Bournoville (left) also helped with the washing feet on that same day.

This is a photo of her after church, enjoying a brand new baby that was born in the village. All the children just loved hanging out with Liz.



Missions Trip Summary

Ribbon Cutting for New School

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on February 1, led by Jo Anne Woelfel who was the main donor for the construction of the three classrooms. It was a joy to watch her cut the ribbon and to see how excited the children were. She had just announced that they will be donating funds for four additional classrooms in October of 2025! We are beyond excited to see the school grow so fast. Thanks again to Richard & JoAnne Woelfel from Racine.



Dishwashing Duties to be Simplified

Dr. Theresa and Justin Miller were missing for a few hours and we found them washing dishes with the cooks. It took them 2 1/2 hours to wash dishes for 90 children. Imagine doing that twice a day bending over washing dishes! The Millers graciously agreed to donate funds for a dishwashing table - so no more bending over to wash dishes.



Surprise Mattress Delivery

A special donor, Becca Hines, donated \$200.00 to buy mattress for a famiy in the village. The team from America carried the mattresses up a huge hill with the help from our night guard Philip. When we arrived at the top of the hill we asked Phillip if he knew where were the mattress were going? He said no. We then shared the good news the mattresses were for his home. He was so surprised and happy! His children had been sleeping on a dirt floor. The experience was a very emotional one.



The Millers helping with the back breaking duties of washing dishes on the ground.



The team made a special mattress delivery.



Phillip, his wife and their baby.

Missions Trip Summary (cont.)



The Art of Jerry-Kin

The American girls took their turns trying the Jerry-Kin (carrying water on one's head) just as the African women do. It's not as easy as you would think.



Girls Just Want to Have Fun

The school girls loved learning from and playing with Evelyn & Fiona. They were amazed by the feel of Evelyn's hair.

Raymond (right) is 7 years old and liked playing with his new friends.



Women's Vocational School to Launch

Help Us Empower Women in Kenya!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our new Vocational School in Kenya, a major step toward making our mission self-sufficient and empowering the women in our village.

Many of these mom's of our school children are single mothers who face big challenges, and it's time we help them change their destinations.

Thanks to the generous donors who've already contributed towards sewing machines and menstrual kits, we're making a huge difference. But we need your help to keep this momentum going!

Please [donate](#) today. In the payment notes put "Vocational School"

Here's how you can help support the new Vocational School:

- **\$30.00 to \$50.00** donation to buy books, measuring tape, notebooks and pencils for 13 students.
- **\$150.00** donation to purchase a table with chair.
- **\$250.00** donation to buy a sewing machine.
- **\$100.00** donation to buy Sewing Material.
- **\$300.00** donation to purchase a computer to teach IT classes.



Donation Today
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Can You Help our Mission?

The Giving Tree

Here are a few ideas to help Changing A Destiny in our small Kenyan village.

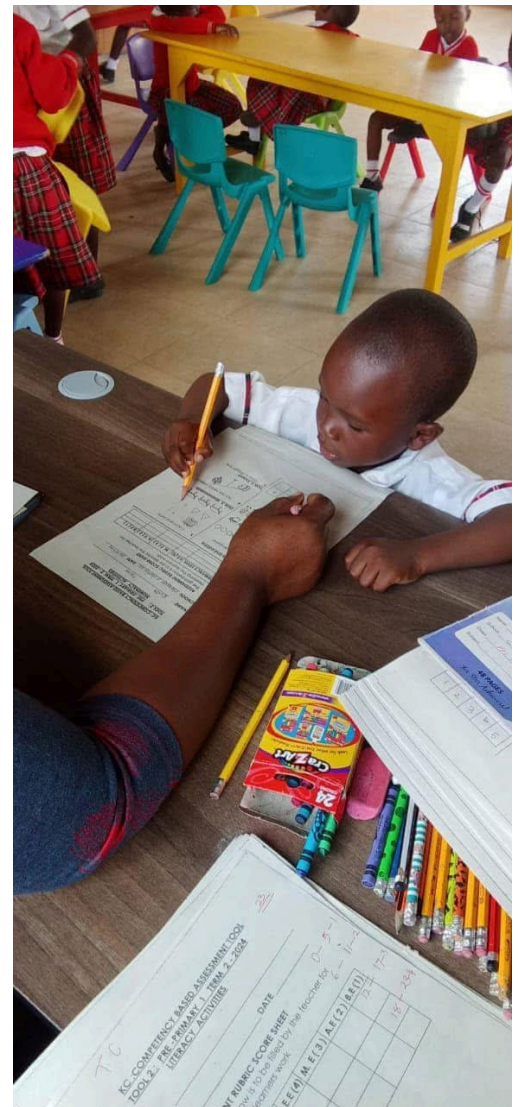
A. **\$10.00** donation for a package of children's underwear. Our 4 & 5 year students come to school with no underwear. Sometimes they have accidents. We need to give them a clean underwear to finish their school day.

B. **\$25.00** donation to purchase kindergarten through third grade-sized backpacks.

C. **\$200.00** donation to purchase one bed with frame & full size mattress for a family in need. Extra smaller mattresses so the kids don't have to sleep on dirt floor is \$50.00 each. Photos and video will be supplied showing how grateful the family will be getting this Blessing.

Check out our website for more items on the Giving Tree!

[Website Link](#)



Can You Help our Mission Locally?

Shoe Drive

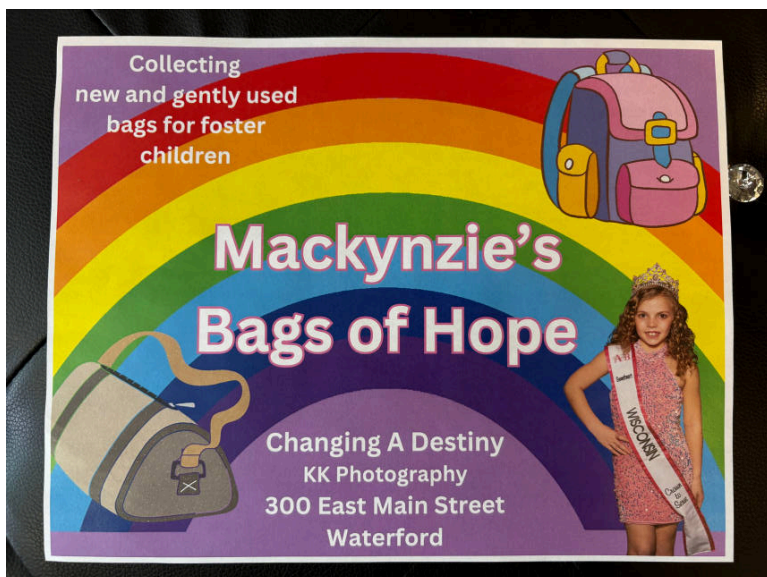
Donate new or gently used shoes
for our year-round shoe drive.



Do you know of a school, church, Boy Scouts,
or a community project where credit needed?

Call Kathy Kohl today!

414-861-8749



Drop off bags and
shoes site:

KK Photography
300 East Main Street
Waterford WI 53185

Sponsor a child for only **\$50.00** a month.



What is your monthly
gift going toward?

- A.** Malnutrition monitoring and food supplied twice a day during school hours.
- B.** Individual mentorship and love.
- C.** Uniforms & school books
- D.** Education assistance and skills training.
- E.** The opportunity to receive encouraging words and support from you, their sponsor. Kathy Kohl can take gifts to your child once a year around January.
- F.** An introduction to the love of God!
- D.** You will receive grades, videos & letters from the child.



[Sponsor A Child Today!](#)
[Click Here!](#)

May Events

Changing A Destiny

5TH ANNUAL



5K RUN/WALK

Professional Timing!

May 10th @ 9:00 am
Cotton Exchange

Thank you to our sponsors



Tickets at ChangingADestiny.org
414-861-8749

On Saturday, May 10, run or walk through our course set among a quiet Waterford residential area. The starting point will be at the **Cotton Exchange**, 345 Hickory Hollow Rd. Runners will be professionally timed, and medals will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in three categories: adults, kids, and seniors. All participants get a goodie bag and event t-shirt with their ticket.

Registration begins at 8:30 am and the race starts at 9:00 am.

[Advance tickets can be purchased here.](http://ChangingADestiny.org)

May Events



The poster features a pink watercolor background with purple and orange flowers. At the top center is the logo for 'CHANGING A DESTINY' which consists of a heart with a cross inside, surrounded by green lines. Below the logo, the text 'CHANGING A DESTINY' and 'FAITH. EDUCATION. LIFE.' is written. The main title 'Spring Wine, Beer, & Crafters Walk' is in a large, dark red cursive font. Below the title, the date 'SATURDAY, MAY 10TH' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Further down, the text 'Wine, Beer & Crafters' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by '12:00 to 4:00 pm' and 'Main Street Waterford' in the same font. Below this, the text 'Thank you to our Sponsors:' is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are three logos: '1st CHOICE PROPERTIES REALTY' on the left, 'Artistic PIANO SERVICE, LLC' in the center, and a bottle of wine and a glass of beer on the right. The wine bottle has a label with the 'CHANGING A DESTINY' logo. The glass of beer is yellow with a white head of foam. A small shopping bag with a heart on it is next to the glass.

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Spring Wine, Beer, & Crafters Walk

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

Wine, Beer & Crafters
12:00 to 4:00 pm
Main Street Waterford

Thank you to our Sponsors:

1st CHOICE PROPERTIES REALTY

Artistic
PIANO SERVICE, LLC
Expert Piano Service
and Tuning by Ear
Used pianos from:
Yamaha, Kawai,
Baldwin, & many others.
Eric Carlson, RPT
Registered Craftsman, PTG

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The fun continues later in the day. Please join us for the **Annual Wine, Beer & Crafters Walk**. You can sample local wines and beers as you stroll through the lovely streets in Waterford, WI. Visit the arts and craft vendor booths too! All proceeds benefit CAD.

- [Tickets can be purchased by clicking here.](#)

What is in the Changing A Destiny Store?

The items are made in Africa.



**Located inside KK Photography
300 East Main Street
Waterford WI**



The Story Behind the Birth of Changing A Destiny, by Kathy Kohl - Executive Director

The reason this mission is so close to my heart is because of a little boy I met in an orphanage in 2017. He was left in a trash bag alongside the road just after he was born. A stranger found the baby, took him to the hospital, and he eventually ended up in an orphanage.

I got to visit Raymond three times in the orphanage and really bonded with him. After returning home from my missions trip, my new friend, Nicole, went to visit Raymond for me. She sent me photos and videos so I could see that he was healthy.

After seeing a photo of Nicole and her husband Tom holding Raymond, God placed it on my heart to ask them to adopt Raymond. After asking my Bible study group to help me pray about asking them, one of the ladies said she would pay for the adoption fees if they agreed.

I was shocked. We all started to cry. God was opening doors! It was an answered prayer, and I now I just needed to ask them.

I asked Nicole and she said she would pray about it, but God had already put the idea in their hearts. They brought baby Raymond home in 2017. Here we are seven years later. I have been able to watch him grow up to be a healthy, happy boy. He loves his big sister, Gloria, and she's happy that God answered her prayers by giving her a baby brother.

Nicole and I would love to be able to help more children like Raymond. God has placed it on our hearts to build a church & school to help educate the future generation. We already raised enough funds to purchase 2 acres of land (completed April 2022), built a church (completed April 2023) & a three to eight classroom school (three classe rooms were completed January 2025), and feed children in one of the poorest counties in Kenya. [Check out our YouTube channel for more updates.](#) Nicole & Tom, Raymond's parents, are the hands and feet of Jesus on the land in Kenya. They are volunteering their time and talents to this amazing mission.

One of our newest goals is purchasing more land to plant crops and have live-stock. This will be a huge step towards the project becoming more self-sufficient.

The end goal is to give as many children as possible the opportunity for education. Without an education, the destiny of children in Kenya is bleak. They will never receive the opportunity to go to college and develop a professional career. We hope to CHANGE THEIR DESTINIES through education and by sharing with them the love of Jesus.

While Raymond is the earthly inspiration for this mission, our Savior's love is the heavenly inspiration.

