

My name is Abby (Campbell) Chege, founder and executive director at Wings of Hope Rescue Center and proud partner and co-founder of Wings of Hope Rescue Home. Born and raised in Kent, Washington with a loving family and an awesome community. I just got married in September to Manasseh Chege who has been an awesome supportive husband on loving and assisting whatever the Lord calls us to. I have my bachelor's degree from Colorado Christian University in social sciences with an emphasis in psychology and a minor in theology. I am currently pursuing my master in social services with an emphasis in biblical counseling. That is a little bit of data for you but it was my heart, questions and steps directed by the Lord that lead me and the Wings team to the inception of Wings Of Hope Rescue Home.

June of 2014, I found myself on a flight to Kenya heading to volunteer at a children's home in Nairobi Kenya. While I was there I found myself spending endless hours with the abandoned babies ages 2 days old - 12 months. My great duty was to hold and feed the babies throughout the day. I began to ask myself as I held a sweet week old who was abandoned in a dumpster with wounds to her neck due to being straggled, "How and why are there so many babies left like this." I searched the web and found that more the 48 million children are abandoned in the world that is Seattle, Denver, Dallas, L.A., New York City, and \_\_\_\_\_ combine population." Wait **WHAT...!** I thought how? How is that even possible? What must a female be going through and so many to leave their new born baby? Especially with my school in psychology I know that 1) woman have chemicals that naturally bond them with their baby 2) one of the number one reason for counseling in the United States is due to either having an abortion, or placing a baby for adoption 3) the fundament importance of a mother's love with her baby development during the first stages of life. Knowing these facts, made me think, how is it that we are helping the babies but not going upstream and assisting the mothers who are pregnant.

Then I began to ask myself, "Who are these females and what conditions are they going through?" After research and asking it came to my attention that many of them are young girls under the age of 18 whom for various reason have become pregnant. Either by rape, manipulation, or prostitution. These young girls found themselves with a pregnancy they didn't plan or most of the time didn't want. In some of the Kenyan communities culture (and many others) young pregnancy is frowned upon, in fact, some will go to the extreme and excommunicate the young mother from the family (even if the pregnancy as a result of rape), and in some cases they will encourage the young mother to abandoned or even kill her newborn. Not only is this traumatizing for a young mother but also leave the girls with little options.

That is where Wings of Hope Rescue Center steps in and how we come to start the Wings of Hope Rescue Home Kenya. We have a heart to co-labor in restoration of these girls lives and give them an opportunity to be who God created them to be. Whole and unashamed, loved and adored, educated and honored. We have a huge problem on the earth right now and if we come together we can help change the lives of many not only the mothers, but the generations to come.