



Fight poverty. Share hope. In Jesus name.



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Dear family and friends,

For the last few years I've been trying hard to find more ways that I can use the skills and talents that God has given me for His glory. One path that this searching has led me down is in the area of blogging. Over the years, this has become a great tool for my personal development, but it has also become a great tool to build up, challenge, and educate other Christians.

Through blogging I have become more aware of the need to fight extreme poverty and it has been a main focus of mine. As you may or may not know, poverty can be devastating to a culture, particularly one that has little means to get out of it. Diseases like malaria kill millions every year. The real problem with malaria is that poor families do not have the money to pay for a very inexpensive medication that could easily cure the disease. Therefore millions die every year simply because they are poor.

I have also been learning that living a life of shame is another problem that runs rampant among those living in extreme poverty. Imagine being a parent who has to send your child to bed hungry every night because you do not have the means to provide them with anything more than a morsel to eat for dinner.

My faith teaches me that situations like this are not acceptable, and that the Christian response is to reach out and help people who are in need.

Through my blogging (at biblelude.net), I have discovered an organization called Five Talents International (fivetalents.org) who is making a difference in the fight against extreme poverty. They are doing it through a microfinance program that helps people create jobs for themselves (and others) by giving them small (\$50-100) loans. They use these microloans to purchase tools, equipment, or other resources that they can use to create income for themselves.

I am joining a team of five other people from around the country to go work with people in Kenya and Uganda who will be receiving these loans. We will be teaching them Christian business principles that will help them be successful with their loans. As I study and prepare with the team for this trip one thing that I am discovering is that the loans are important, and that the training is important... but the most important thing that we end up delivering to these people is dignity and hope. And the best part is that we do it all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

I would like to invite you to be a part of this wonderful mission of hope for those living in extreme poverty. First, I invite you to pray for me, the team, and the people of Kenya and Uganda. We all believe that the foundation of this entire trip must be prayer. If you wish to follow along online, I will be sharing updates and prayer requests online through my website (biblelude.net), through Facebook, and on Twitter ([@biblelude](https://twitter.com/biblelude)).

I also ask that you consider partnering with me financially in this mission. The cost of the trip is over \$3,500, and we will be leaving on May 15th. You can support me by making a tax-deductible donation for the trip payable to Fellowship of Believers Church using the enclosed envelope. Any donations over what I need to cover my costs will be donated to Five Talents to create more microloans.

If you are interesting in getting more information, I would be happy to share more with you before I leave and after I return. Thank you for your support, and may the Lord bless you!

Thank you,
Dan King

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

~ Micah 6:6-8

