

## *Take my life*

*“I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.”*

*Psalm 118:17 (NIV)*

After I arrived in Lesotho (leh-SUE-too), I began volunteering at an orphanage. One child, B., instantly captured my heart. Her mother, who was HIV positive, suffered from tuberculosis (TB) during and after B.’s birth. Therefore, the child was exposed to TB and HIV at birth. After her mother’s death, she came to the orphanage.

One day, I walked in the playroom to find B. crying. I picked her up and playfully raised her above my head. Suddenly, mucus fell from her nose and into my eye. Fear swept over me, as I knew I had just been exposed to HIV. The chances of transmission were slim, but I was still terrified.

The following days were filled with blood tests and the start of anti-retroviral medications. I called on my Savior for peace of mind. At first, I only wanted answers from God. “Do I have HIV?” “How will my parents react?” “Why is this happening?” I had watched many people suffer from AIDS, and I wasn’t sure if I could do it.

After days in prayer, my attitude transitioned to a desire to see God glorified. Once again, I surrendered my life to His will for me.

Weeks later, B.’s test results returned. She was HIV negative! I rejoiced with her, grateful to the Lord of hosts—not only for knowing that B. was HIV negative, but that I was also.

It took this experience to help me understand what most Africans go through emotionally and spiritually. “Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.”

—AMY, CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

*Lord,* “TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE. TAKE MY MOMENTS AND MY DAYS. LET THEM FLOW IN CEASELESS PRAISE.” THANK YOU THAT YOU PROTECTED THIS YOUNG MISSIONARY FROM AIDS. PROTECT OTHER MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA WHO WORK WITH THE HIV-POSITIVE. *Amen.*