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One Life to Live

On our wedding day in 1972, Suzanne, who believed in reincarnation. told her cousin, Audrey, that we had many lives to live. Audrey responded, "No, according to the Bible, we only have one life to live."

This Fall my Dad, Clarence, who is 92, was hospitalized for congestive heart failure due to prostate cancer and kidney failure. Even as I write he is back in the hospital. His illness awakened in me a new awareness of my mortality. All of a sudden life seemed short, uncertain. It made me reconsider my priorities. After all I only have one life to live.

Here I am in Africa working with children who are very needy but who are not my own. I am far away from all my family, longtime friends and grand children (see Nan@ left), Am I really happy? Do I want to leave Africa and go home? It really made me think. And what I came up with was this. I am happy and I have not finished what God gave me to do here.

This year we add one more grade to Community Hope School. In January 2008 we will have 60 of the poorest children in Namibia attending grades 1-4. We are a small school and reach only a few of the neediest families. But we are reaching some. Our operating budget this year is \$72,000. Figure it out. That is \$100 a month per child. So far we have raised about \$25,000. We still need \$47,000 more and that doesn't include our need for a new school vehicle to replace the old one that just died.

As you consider your giving this year will you pray about helping us to provide Hope and Comfort to the children and families we serve. After all they only have one life to live too. Help us to make it one that is worthwhile.

For His sake in Africa,

John and Suzanne Hunter

