Clearwood Church Yelm, Washington

In the mid nineteen nineties I, Donna Kowalsky and my late husband, Stuart, missionaries to Uganda, East Africa. became acquainted with Joanne Hanson, a member of Clearwood Church. After building a relationship with Joanne and others, we were invited to present Seed Faith Ministries to the members of Clearwood Church.

We were invited to minister many times in the church over the course of the next few years. On September 27, 2001 Stuart went to be with the Lord. The ladies of Clearwood Church baked dozens of cookies for the memorial service of Stuart. The members of the church stood by me during this time, giving me encouragement and love.

In 2004, those leading the church made the decision to sell Clearwood Church. When the sale was completed, Joanne Hanson called to report that Seed Faith Ministries would receive \$25,000 from the sale of Clearwood Church.

The heart of Clearwood Church along with it's members, even though it no longer functions, still lives on today. It was through this donation that New Life Children's Center in Uganda was birthed. The first building that was constructed bears the name Clearwood, today it is the boys dorm.

Through the generosity of Clearwood Church, hundreds of orphaned and destitute children lives have been changed. What greater legacy can a church have?

Donna Kowalsky

