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"MY DREAM IS TO TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES BY BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF HOPE TO THE POOR, HURTING AND NEEDY, AND TO CHALLENGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DARE TO DREAM TOO."

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"Run, run for your dreams, don't stop." In my first book entitled *Kitesong*, I wrote these lines against an illustration of a child chasing after a runaway kite. Like children, I believe each of us have dreams- many of which are like kites waiting to be set free and soar. *Kitesong*, which was used to raise more than \$100,000 to build a home for needy children in Nepal when I was 19, was a product of a little dream of mine realized. It taught me, that with hope and faith, many things are possible.

The writing and paintings in my books are inspired by the beautiful children that I have met on various humanitarian trips. Their tenacious spirit in holding fast to their dreams like kite strings in spite of their circumstance is a constant encouragement to me, in my journey to become a medical doctor who can impact needy communities. It is my dream that by sharing the hearts and hopes of these children, many will be touched and challenged to live their lives with more gratitude and compassion, and be moved to make a difference to those less fortunate.

My second book, entitled *A Taste of Rainbow*, is a book about hope and finding courage to seek help in the face of setbacks. It will be used to raise awareness about depression and eating disorders, which are especially prevalent among youth. It is my dream to continue to use writing and painting to raise awareness and funds for worthy causes.

Serving the needy both within my community and in developing countries has been a privilege. I have often been humbled, and

been blessed more than I have blessed. It is my dream, that by sharing my experiences with my community, they, too, will be moved to dare to dream to make a difference, and in doing so, realize the joy in setting the dreams of others free. One person cannot change the world, but together we can, one life at a time. Together, we can impact the next generation of leaders to make this world a better place.

Rainbows, to me, represent fulfillment. Hence, I have chosen a rainbow as a symbol of hope, of the fulfilled dreams of children all around the world.

I am thankful for my loved ones who have helped me develop my passions in medicine, humanitarian work, writing, painting and triathlon, to develop skills which I may use to help and impact others. I am especially thankful to my parents and teachers who often challenge me to dream bigger. I believe that we have a responsibility as global leaders of the future to make this world a more hopeful place for children and youth to grow up in. I dream of pursuing my post-graduate studies in Public Health and surgery to gain a better understanding of helping the needy, and in doing so, to inspire my community to believe in their dreams to help others too.

Many rainbow-coloured kites, always make a more beautiful sky.