



My Story.... My Life....My Inspiration

Come, let me take you to a Land;
A Land of Deep Rich Forest;
A Land where Knowledge is our Clothing and
Unconditional Love Our Way of Life;
There is a river which flows in the Heart of this Land;
Come drink from the river of wisdom,
Our Destination is Africa...
(Princess Fumi Hancock, 1996)

As I journeyed on the publicity tour for my Amazon Bestselling Young Adult (Teen) Fantasy Book, [The Adventures of Jewel Cardwell](#): Hydra's Nest, I can't help but reminisce over my experiences celebrating holidays in Africa over 30 years ago. This great adventure called [The Adventures of Jewel Cardwell](#), brought back to my memory the wonderful times I'd shared with friends and family members growing up in Africa. Armed with the desire to share this part of me with my readers, I garnered the courage, enthusiasm and commitment needed to tell the world how Africa and other 3rd world countries can be a beautiful place where life lessons are shared freely, even while in the throes of poverty and adversity.

As I share my humble and sincere heart with you, I continue to envision a world free of injustice and desire a place where everyone can live in peace and harmony. I yearn for a place where children can live freely and never go hungry. It is my hope and desire that as I share my experiences with you, you will be moved to make a difference... reach out and touch someone in a most unusual and unexpected way. This is the case of my Nashville friends, who have come into my life at such a pivotal time when I am called upon to make important decisions regarding my continued responsibilities as an African princess living in USA.

To this effect, let me quickly share with you from where my passion for my recently released Young Adult Fantasy & Romance fiction as well as my undying love for the downtrodden emanate...

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My name is **Fumi "Stephanie" Hancock**, RN, BSN, Ph.D. My fans call me the Glam and Chic Princess in the USA. I was born in the Western Region of Africa but have lived in the United States of America for over 30 years. A little over six years ago, my father, Prince T.A Ogunleye, called me and told me it was time to return home. I'd literally grown up in the USA and this was now home to me. My father felt it was time to give back to Africa.



(source: worldatlas.com)

This was an important trip for me as I'd not been back to my community in over 23 years! The trip was equally important because one of my cousins, His Royal Majesty, King Emmanuel Adebayo, reigning King of Emure Ekiti Kingdom, a place tucked away in the South Western region of West Africa, was being crowned as King and my father felt it would be a great opportunity to reconnect with my roots.



(Picture of His Royal Majesty King Emmanuel Adebayo & Queen)

The **journey** was exhilarating yet filled with anxiety as I did not know what I was going to encounter. I trusted my father, packed my bags and went back to West Africa with my family. It was the most incredible journey of my life... to witness a King's coronation... no words could describe the feelings.



What was more important was the surprise that awaited me when I arrived in the community (the second time around) with my Tennessean friends! The community people rallied around me and reminded me of who I was... their princess who had been gone for so long and was now back! I took the time to revisit my childhood boarding school and, low and behold, all of my experiences at the school came flooding back.



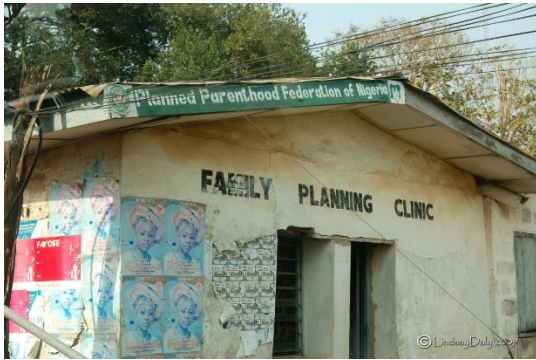


(source: adassafoundation.org)

With all of this jubilation came social responsibility... to come back to the United States and let the world know of this region in Africa and help to make a difference in whatever way I could.



(pictures of a classroom/ school with no electricity and broke down furniture)



(Premature babies born in rural clinics with no incubators or medical equipment)



(a child street hawking to raise money for food)



(a hungry child found on a street)

The King and his 63 chiefs who make up his cabinet had a huge task in their hands and they knew it would require reaching out to all for assistance. Because of the children in my kingdom, my life and that of my volunteers has forever changed. We came back to the US, reached out to whoever would listen to our stories and began working to help satisfy the needs in Africa. In October 2009, we hosted the King and some of his 63 cabinet members to a gala in Tennessee:



(Mayor Mike Dinwiddie, current Mayor of Spring Hill TN awarded an honorary chieftaincy title by his Royal Majesty, King Adebayo at a gala held in Franklin TN and Spring Hill declared sister city to Emure Kingdom).



To date, we currently sponsor 40 children who would ordinarily not have been able to attend school. We opened the very first state of the art library in that region ever...



With the help of some song writers & artists in Tennessee, [\*Friend to an Angel\*](#), a song honoring our African children was debuted and utilized to raise funds for our programs in Africa.

If there was ever a time to return to the kingdom with my Southern Friends, it is now! The King reached out to the Princess the USA, “There is more work to be done”, he said in one of his long distance calls to the princess and the princess’ vision to build the first Community Youth Center catering to the needs of the children in the rural villages still lies fallow. A documentary “The Watchman’s Eye” is currently being made and will be considered for optioning once completed (see trailer at: <http://www.thewatchmanseye.com>)

Though she has conquered the world of writing and has enjoyed a level of media success (featured on CBN, interviewed Her Excellency and the African Union Ambassador to the US etc.) in the USA, her journey back to Africa is a challenge she must accept, but she is not about to handle it alone. She is married to an American, Dr. David Hancock, now affectionately called the “Great White Prince” and has two college aged boys, a daughter in college and in High School.

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