

# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

## The Important Things in Life

Many of you are aware of the horrible accident involving seven children from the Constantine area a couple of weeks ago. Three of those children were my granddaughters, who, in a moment's time, have had their lives drastically changed. While broken bones and bruises will heal, the overwhelming fear of being in the car has almost taken the joy away from the youngest.

From the time I left the scene of the accident, until I was able to bring my eldest granddaughter home, I witnessed countless acts of kindness, compassion and caring from those whom we had placed our babies into their hands. I watched with tears in my eyes as my six year old granddaughter cried because the guys from the ambulance crew were leaving her. They went beyond their call of duty and calmed the fears of a child. I was witness too to those who didn't want to be there, who were there for a paycheck, without any signs of genuine caring and should never have taken the job of caring for sick children.

I experienced the outpouring of family, church, board and fellow employee support that was absolutely amazing. I watched God work miracles, confusing the physicians whom shook their heads in disbelief as the girls' bodies responded to the excellent care, and the countless prayers being said in their behalf.

So what are those "Important Things in Life" I learned:

- I was reminded once again the life is precious and should not be taken for granted.
- That God is good and He doesn't make any mistakes.
- That prayer matters, and it is an amazing thing to watch.
- That our "universe" is small, when a crisis arises, people respond.
- That how you treat people leaves a lasting impression.
- That you should never forget to tell someone you love them, it may be the last opportunity.

- I have an incredible team, who stepped up and did what was necessary.
- To do your job well, how you do it could impact someone negatively.
- And above all, trust God and He will get you through the most difficult times.

*Theo Omo, CEO*