



My Influential Relative

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Who? Who is your relative?


The relative that influenced me the most is my grandmother, Debbie Dortzbach, my dad's mom. She is now 65 years old, but has done many great things in her life.



What? What did he/she do? What was his/her “claim to your fame”?

Debbie Dortzbach is the international director of AIDS and HIV prevention for world relief. By preparing their health, and overall long term well-being, she helped thousands of families overcome disaster. Her view on her own family caused her to help those by caring for one another. While pregnant with my father in Ethiopia her co-worker was murdered, in front of her eyes, at work as a nurse, She was then kidnapped, but escaped, and wrote a book called “Kidnapped” on her experience with that.






When? When did this individual live? What year were they most active in their career/lives?

Debbie Dortzbach was born in 1952, and is still living today. She was most active in her career in 2000 to 2017, because that is when she traveled the world to help those suffering.

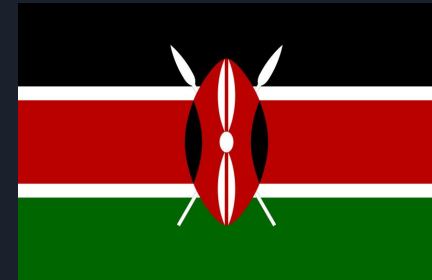
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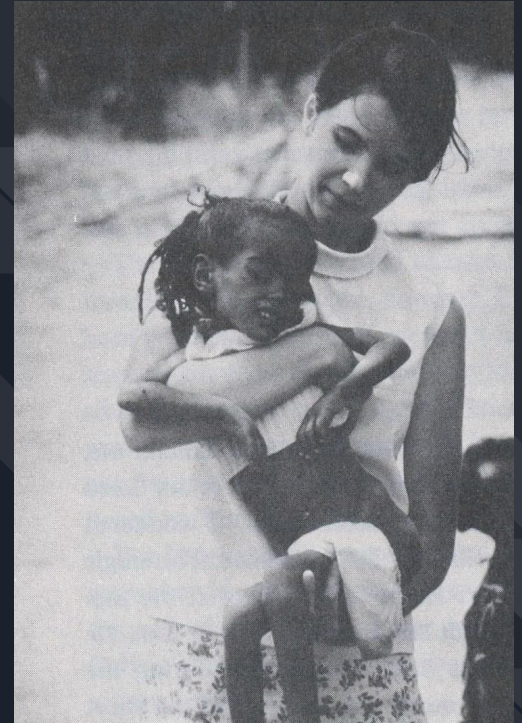
Where? Where did this individual live? Where there any outside protagonists that lead him/her to do incredible things?

Debbie Dortzbach lives now in Baltimore, MD. But, when she was most active in her career, and for a third of her life sofar, she lived in Kenya. Some people that lead her to do great things were her husband, Karl Dortzbach, who helped her with providing those who were suffering. Also, her family, who helped her realize how much she cares for everybody, especially those who are suffering and need help.



Why? Why did they do what they did?

Debbie Dortzbach did the great things that she did for two reasons. One, she felt compelled to do it, because of sympathy for those in need. She had a big heart, and wanted to use it for something powerful. Two, because of the encouragement she received from those around her, who told her that she could do it, and should do it.



How? Did their accolades occur over time, or did they happen quickly? How did they leave their mark on you?

Debbie Dortzbach's works to a while to produce fully, over 5 years. But then, she just kept on traveling to places that needed help. She left her mark on me, by me finding out about all of this through my family over my life. It has amazed me, and continues to amaze me at the abundant things that she did to make this world a better place.



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