

Hope Still Wins: Family Devotional

Ally's Story



Ally has found hope and healing at Exile International. When Ally was young, she and her siblings were separated from their parents when her village was attacked. It was a very hard and lonely time for Ally and her siblings. They had trouble finding food, and Ally's oldest sister had to step into the role of a mom. However, Ally and her siblings were able to find community and healing at Exile International! Not only did Ally get food and medical treatment, but a big part of the care and healing Ally received was through art-focused trauma care. Ally has grown in her love for drawing and painting. She also loves to sing and dance, especially during

worship services. Her ability to express herself through art has brought Ally hope, comfort, and faith in God!

Bible Verse

"Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with tambourine and harp!" *Psalm 149:3*

Discussion Questions

- 1. What part of Ally's story stuck with you the most?
- 2. How did Exile International help bring healing to Ally's life?
- 3. How would you describe the word "hope"? How does hope feel?
- 4. How have you seen art bring healing in your everyday life?
- 5. How have you seen music, singing, or dancing bring healing in your everyday *life*?

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- 6. What other activities do you enjoy that bring healing and comfort to your life?
- 7. Ally found hope in the Lord through Exile International, and celebrates this through worshipping the Lord by singing and dancing! How do you worship God?
- 8. What ways do you express yourself?
- 9. Exile International is a place where many children have found hope and a community of friends. Who are some of your friends that make you feel hopeful?
- 10. Exile International is a place for people to not feel alone. Everyone has felt lonely before; what are some things you can do to make your friends feel less lonely and extra loved and special today?