

## Want to Make a Difference?

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Dear All, Reflection on..... ["Making a Difference"](#)

Dear Brother David Eaton recently reminded us of the famous East Garden Young Adult survey. Apparently various Second Gen dissatisfactions with our movement were aired!

Yup. News Flash: They aren't all thrilled!

Number one desire? For: " **"Relevance, and to Impact the World"**.

Hmm... OK.

**So naturally some investigation might be in order. We might ask - Do I really *want to Make Difference in the World*''? or *Impact the World*? Interesting questions. How badly?**

Lets look at this holy grail of high minded motivation more carefully. What are some examples? And what is the mindset; actual social and familial ethos, and worldview **that informs and shapes such high minded motive?**

**Can we 'teach it'? Can we educate or encourage it? For folks *to want to "make a difference in the world"*?**

Should we just model it more frequently?

And, how badly does the world currently need such wanna be difference-makers anyway? Pretty badly it seems

And, how central in fact is **'making a difference'** to satisfaction in life?

How central to the course of restoration is such ? Is it for everyone? Or, just the rare person ?

Given the needs in the world...such plucky "Difference Makers" should be in style and well received .

And yet, Yikes! What if I fail? Can even *a person like me* get into the act? Do I even *want to* ? :-) ☐

Or, Well.....What about just settling....Another lazy church service and a second helping on the cheese cake please?

So, I stumbled onto this below quote , this book. Check it out. A *NY Times Best Seller* story of a young Tennessee Christian girl who moves to Africa .

A riveting true story . A difference maker. Very moving .

From the reviews "WOW! This book has rocked my comfortable Christian world....."

**Book excerpt:**

[books.google.com/books?id=v5CSqK53V2AC&printsec=frontcover&dq=kisses+from+katie&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjPi-XsarVAhVPID4KHxKFDn4Q6AEIKDAA#v=onepage&q=kisses%20from%20katie&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=v5CSqK53V2AC&printsec=frontcover&dq=kisses+from+katie&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjPi-XsarVAhVPID4KHxKFDn4Q6AEIKDAA#v=onepage&q=kisses%20from%20katie&f=false)

The motives could vary. Obvuiosly, its the action that counts. Personal satisfaction? Help others? , Serve God, Love and heart? Repay a debt? Challenge ones self? Sure. All good .

Uplifting stuff.

Thought you might enjoy.

Jim

PS I ordered the book for the new upcoming Melford lending library ! I had to! ☺

***"People who really want to make a difference in the world usually do it, in one way or another. And I've noticed something about those people that want to change the world: They hold the unshakable conviction that individuals are extremely important. That every life***

***matters. They get excited over one smile. They are willing to feed one stomach, educate one mind, and treat one wound. They aren't determined to revolutionize the world all at once; they're satisfied with small changes. Over time though, those small changes add up. Sometimes they even transform cities, and nations, and yes, the world." -Beth Clark***

## **Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption**

Paperback – September 4, 2012

by [Katie Davis Majors](#) (Author), [Beth Clark](#) (Contributor)

The *New York Times* bestselling account of a courageous eighteen-year-old from Nashville who gave up every comfort and convenience to become the adoptive mother to thirteen girls in Uganda.

What would cause an eighteen-year-old senior class president and homecoming queen from Nashville, Tennessee, to disobey and disappoint her parents by forgoing college, break her little brother's heart, lose all but a handful of her friends (because they think she has gone off the deep end), and break up with the love of her life, all so she could move to Uganda, where she knew only one person and didn't even speak the language?

