

8. For Mia

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Who I am

I was born in Germiston, South Africa, and I am 46. I have received transfusions of blood products for haemophilia since I was born. I have been living with HIV for 23 years since discovering I was HIV positive while studying to be a reverend at the University of Stellenbosch. After serious reflection, my wife, who is HIV negative, and I decided to have children, and we have been blessed with two precious girls, who are also HIV negative. I currently work as the Director for HIV and Infectious Diseases for World Vision International, based in the Netherlands.

Why I am telling my story

My story started many years ago when HIV-related stigma was still a death sentence. Since then new hope has arrived and stigma levels have changed, but I realise that it remains a devastating blow to learn that you are HIV positive. I trust that my journey of living with and beyond HIV will challenge you, but also provide you with much hope for your future! I wish to encourage you too to live with an unrestricted horizon.

