



Anna Mayor

Born in Dinka Bor in 1986, Anna soon left her home with her parents and siblings for Ethiopia where she would stay for six years before another move, in 1991, to Adjumani, Uganda. There, Anna's family lived in Mirway Refugee Camp until it was time to move yet again, this time to Kakuma, Kenya. It was in Kakuma, where Anna's superior dancing abilities came in handy. Anna was in church one day, dancing to the music of a handsome, young guitarist named William. The two talented musicians noticed each other, and soon fell in love.

And that love survived separation by miles and by oceans. William was relocated to the United States in 2001, while Anna remained in Kakuma. In 2004, Anna too received the news that she would be moving to Melbourne, Australia. There, Anna taught herself English, attended school and... planned her wedding to William! In 2007, William traveled to Melbourne to marry Anna before 500 guests, many of whom traveled from Sudan for the occasion.

After the wedding, Anna returned to the United States with her new husband. Here, she enrolled in a medical assistant training program at Lincoln Tech. Now, mere weeks away from graduation, Anna is gaining practical experience, working at Malden Hospital.

Anna also cares for Jacklinne, the child of an uncle who Anna has also welcomed to live in her home. Anna reports that Jacklinne is a sweet and healthy baby who sleeps well, finishes her meals, obeys the rules, and almost never cries. "I wish every baby could be like Jacklinne," Anna says.