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'An Evening with the King' inspired by princess who wants to give back

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For the past 23 years she has been living the 'American Dream' first in California, now in Tennessee.

A little more than a year ago Spring Hill resident Princess Fumi Ogunleye Hancock visited her native Emure Kingdom, Nigeria in Africa, when the reigning king passed away and a new king was crowned. Emure Kingdom is a community of the Yoruba tribe and is located in the southwestern Nigerian state of Ekiti.

What she witnessed was such a shock to her that upon her return to the U.S. she started a foundation to provide assistance to the needy.

While on her visit she heard cheering from the people of Emure Kingdom. "Our princess is back" she said. They saw her as one who could in-

spire some relief to their impoverished situation.

In the United States, King Emmanuel Adebayo would be called Princess Fumi's cousin. Out of respect, she refers to him simply as the King.

"The King shared his heart with me," she said, imploring her to make a difference in their lives. "He said, 'I can't do it alone.'"

"Agriculture is the mainstay," she said. "But no one wants to farm anymore."

Hancock toured the schools while she was visiting. "It tore me up. It really messed me up. Some of the schools are sheds," she explained. "There are no bathrooms. Students and teachers were running to the bushes when I was there."

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In January a number of locals accompanied Princess Fumi Ogunleye Hancock from Nashville to Emure Ekiti, Nigeria. From left, they include: Brian Church, Rafe Young, Adam Paul, Lindsay Daly, King Adebayo, Ryan Daly, Princess Fumi, David Hancock, Yolanda Shields, Les Conner, and Les Stouder.

