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Bertelsen, founder of Msaada Architects—a nonprofit architectural firm focused on faith-based development work—shares lessons learned on the ground, thoughtful design strategies for resource-limited settings, and timeless insights into what it means to build with intention and compassion. His reflections serve not only as a memoir but as a living guide for young architects, engineers, and anyone drawn to Public Interest Design.

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