

US Silver Medalist: 'I Am a Walking Testimony of How Incredible God Truly Is'

U.S. track and field star Kendra "Keni" Harrison was sitting at home during the 2016 summer Olympic games, so she's not complaining about winning a silver medal on Monday in the 100-meter hurdles, her first Olympic contest.

Instead, the devout Christian continues to give glory to God. Her bios on her Instagram and Twitter accounts begin with the words, "I love Jesus."

Jasmine Camacho-Quinn, who grew up in South Carolina, went to college in Kentucky and trains in Florida, took the hurdles gold to her mother's native Puerto Rico after an upset Monday that kept the Americans out of the gold column as Olympic track reached Day 4.

She powered ahead of Harrison early to win the race in seconds. Megan Tapper of Jamaica finished third.

However, Harrison still holds the world record of 12.2 that she set in 2016.

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On her Twitter account, she has pinned a short video of that moment she found out she was a world record holder, writing: "Im the WORLD RECORD HOLDER . I am a walking testimony of how incredible God truly is."

In what is generally considered the most stacked event on the toughest team to make, Harrison finished sixth at the Olympic trials and was denied the trip to Rio. A few weeks later, she traveled to London and set the world record, then returned home to watch the Americans sweep the podium.

Given that, Harrison said the silver in Tokyo felt like a win. With an American flag draped around her shoulders, she told reporters, “To miss out in Rio and then come to my first Olympics and get a silver medal—of course, everyone wants the gold, but I got myself back out here on this world stage and I’m getting better and better.”

Born in Tennessee, Harrison was adopted while still a baby. She’s the middle child of a family with 11 children, nine of whom are adopted, including two from Bolivia and two of Korean heritage, according to *USA Today*.

‘A Deeper Connection to God’

A few weeks ago, Harrison wrote on her Instagram account about how missing the Olympic team in 2016 actually made her a stronger Christian.

“Missing the Olympic team in 2016 has made me a stronger Christian athlete and words can’t describe the gratitude I’m feeling right now,” she wrote. “In 2016 I allowed self-doubt to determine my destiny and became a victim to track & field press. BUT I gained a deeper connection to God each year I noticed my faith conquering ALL doubt.” {eoa}

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