Alliance For Life International©

Report From Uganda



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Dear Friends of the Alliance,

We hope you are well and prospering in the Lord. The summer season is coming to a close and we are already enjoying a little cooler weather, although we know that an Indian summer will reassert itself soon. No matter, we rejoice over every season, as long as we're in His care.

The work of ALI in Uganda continues to prosper in its manyfold outreach. Each program grows at its own pace as they complement each other. The teaching of the Billings Ovulation Method has always been an important aspect of our work. Emily trains women and couples to achieve or postpone pregnancy naturally, without experiencing adverse effects common with other methods. Hoping for better health, many women opt for the BOM. During the month of July, Emily offered an Introduction to the BOM to 70 women in a group setting. In addition, she provided follow-up teaching sessions to 62 clients.

We have been offering this teaching in collaboration with the World Organization Ovulation Method Billings (WOOMB) based in Australia, under the Billings Life Center located in ALI-UG's office. WOOMB has been supporting the center for the last six years. Besides their significant financial help, they provide Emily with guidance and further opportunities for knowledge. Bernadette, their correspondence course expert, works with Emily in training three Ugandan women to become BOM teachers. They have completed the course and are now engaged in their practicum.

The financial aspect of our collaboration is coming to an end. We will miss that support but trust that the Lord will meet our needs in other ways. The Billings Life Center will remain. Eventually, and once our new teachers have acquired some experience, we plan to offer BOM teacher trainings under accreditation with WOOMB.

During the past month, Emily hosted our weekly radio programs under *Life Matters*. I look forward to join her during my stay in Uganda. This outreach is proving to be a most satisfying aspect of our work. Many Ugandan regions receive the broadcast. Her teachings cover a wonderful variety of subjects, always with the goal to educate, strengthen, guide, and encourage our listeners. We hear from them as we take their calls during and after the program. This time, she discussed diabetes: types, causes, prevention. She refrains from medical advice but offers general education as this is such a prevalent condition in Uganda.

Emily always discusses fertility awareness. In addition, she teaches about parenting. Here is how she described her approach: "words that parents should use and avoid while parenting; for instance, reassuring them that they are loved, that you are proud of them, expressing gratitude, reassuring the children that mistakes are part of learning, feeling sorry or apologizing in case you make a mistake as it models humility and accountability, etc." *Life Matters* offers us a wonderful opportunity to be a change agent and promote a Godly life. It is not listener-supported. In a poor country, this is not a common practice. Our broadcasting access, including transport to the station, costs us $150 monthly.

Celebration Bakery and Training Center provides a center of activities providing full-time employment to seven staff. This month, we have reached full production, a necessary condition to become self-sustainable. We still experience electrical outages and ensuing loss of bread and sales. We plan to remedy this by buying a gas stove once we reach Uganda. It will offer a back-up and opportunity for growth. We are still working on achieving production vs sales ratios for all products. It is not easy to accomplish since we compete with factories. It has its advantages as we are more flexible and our workforce is probably more motivated.

Children are on school break. Therefore, we are not teaching Youth Abstinence Education. We follow the school calendar and take advantage of their brief availability to meet their needs. It ensures that students will complete their schooling without the stress and heartache of untimely pregnancy, a possible abortion, or acquiring a sexually transmitted infection. What we offer is unique and life-changing.

We are preparing to attend the 93rd Annual Educational Conference offered by the Catholic Medical Association from Sept 5-7. ALI will host an exhibit promoting the St Raphael Hospital Project. Dr. Stephen Meyer, psychologist and ALI Board Member, will join Louise and represent us. We developed pertinent material. See attached brochure which you may use at your convenience. Would you join us in praying for

favor? We hope to attract doctors and other health professionals in supporting this project.

That brings us to a St Raphael update. We gave a contract to Engineer Ivan to revise our designs for the Children's Hospital to meet higher standards, develop the BoQs for the foundation, submit to the Ministry of Health for approval; and include the revised designs and cost analysis with Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report. It will take 3-4 months including approval at different levels. We are excited because it brings us closer to beginning construction. We're hoping for a ground breaking event end of March 2025.

We would love to welcome visitors to Uganda, especially health professionals, to coincide with this event. We could build a great experience for you: professional and recreational, including a safari! Please inquire if you are interested: allianceforlife@comline.com

We count on your continued support to address the needs of the Pregnancy Resource Center and the St Raphael Hospital Project. We hope to welcome new support as well. You can be such an encouragement to us at this important juncture as we prepare for construction.

We encourage you to visit our websites for more information. Anatoli, our IT in Uganda, just updated it. He has a special request! Anatoli teaches computer literacy in Kibaale. Many young people benefit from this program. They are using laptop computers you have provided. They can't never be thankful enough! Well, **Anatoli is in need of a projector. Do you have a used one that you no longer use? I can bring it to Uganda with me. Please email me promptly if you can help. We can provide a donation receipt.**

We remain so thankful for your interest and trust in doing this work in your name as we join the family of God to fulfill the plans He has for us.

Always in His care,

Louise Allard/President






Kampala-Uganda

