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Report From Uganda



March 2025

Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Are you excited about the passing of time or does it make you upset that it is slipping away never to return?!! As you noticed, we can't call the month of March "the new year". It should make us cognizant that every day matters and that we can live it with intention under His watchful eye, guidance, provisions, and mercy.

We are becoming better anchored in our setting in Gayaza on the outskirt of Kampala, where we operate a Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) and Celebration Bakery and Training Center. A customer may come to buy bread or sweet donuts, or may come to learn the Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) to achieve or postpone pregnancy naturally. Sometimes, they do both. A marvelous integration. A pregnant lady and her preborn child may come as the mother seeks our support and guidance to help her during a stressful time. This way, the life of this precious child is preserved when the mother comes to accept her circumstances with God's help, for He is always in the mix.

It may be a single mother or a married one whose husband works far away, who come to attend a practical teaching and enjoy fellowship and prayerful support. Someone may come to inquire about the courses we offer in our Vocational Training Center.

A BOM teacher in training may come for supervision and encouragement as it takes at least two years to acquire the skills. It took Susan twelve years. Obstacles of every kind stood in her way: financial hardships, health-related issues, welcoming a new

child, completing other schooling, family stressors, and the difficulty of learning this skill online, using complicated software and meeting deadlines. BOM teachers are a special breed for they are responding to a calling, a vocation, a privilege, most often not remunerated, requiring continuing education, and often practiced over a lifetime.

Who else may grace our door steps? Well, the bakers Sam and Adelu, the sales staff, Bernadette, Naomi, and Grace, our driver and bakery support, Akim, a student or two, and Emily, the PRC and bakery manager. The delivery people are in and out, although we try to pick up raw material daily to avoid delivery costs. On occasions, we also welcome the plumber, the electrician, or a technician to keep our world humming. Electrical outages are still frequent but the utility company tries hard to restore power quickly to help us avoid production losses. Even so, we recently acquired a gas oven to serve as back up and assist with increased production. The loss of electric power has been such a serious issue at times that we developed a strong connection to God to hep us deal with these challenges. We give Him all the glory as He helped us overcome.

Bernadette, Emily, and Naomi keep separate books of accounts and reconcile their data at the close of each day. We know where every penny goes and try to make judicious decisions to maximize our revenues. We are very close to make ends meet. Servicing schools with our bread and sweets helps us stabilize our income because stores often require extended credit and their sales fluctuates.

Our outside PRC work takes us to churches, and occasionally to schools, where we teach the BOM and abstinence education. Our goal is to saturate our immediate surroundings, so we become known to our neighbors. Ugandans need encouragement to utilize our services. They are always afraid of costs. Because of your generosity, all our services are free of charge. During the month of February, Emily hosted *Life Matters* on Family Broadcasting Network and taught BOM awareness, hygiene and sanitation, and suicide prevention especially among the youth, a pressing issue.

Let's turn our attention to the St Raphael Hospital Project of western Uganda. We are still in design review, and at the last step in this process, we hope; we are gathering information about all the electric equipment which will be used in the pediatric facilities. The engineer will figure out the load and plan for it. The information from this review will inform other steps such as design review by the Ministry of Health and the Kibaale District. This definite slowing down allows us more time to apply for funds from foundations.

We hope to welcome some medical professionals, counselors, teachers, or bakers, to come with us to Uganda. We can personalize a two-week mission trip for you or your church in mid-June 2025 and mid-January 2026. Visit our website: www.allianceforlifeinternational.org and reach us by email for more information: allianceforlife@comline.com

We are preparing for our bi-annual fundraiser (see attached invite) later this month. We will present a Life Achievement Award to Dr. Sergio. C. Stone in recognition for his humanitarian work in Rwanda and Congo over a period of 15 years, and under dangerous conditions.

We thank you for your generous support. Accomplishing substantial goals in developing and far-away countries takes more time and commitment than in the US, but the resources needed to accomplish the same are far less. The needs are far greater and the impact of our help will outlast our lives. The rewards for all concerned are life-changing and God will see us through as promised: "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil 1:6, NIV)."

A brief anecdote to emphasize this point: our first project in Uganda consisted of equipping a 30-bed hospital to perform cesarian sections, therefore saving the lives of mothers and babies surrounding birth. The project began in 2008 and was completed in 2011. It took an additional 1-2 years to find doctors to provide the services of emergency cesarian sections.

Godfrey Segujja, a St Raphael Board Member, was in the Buwenge region recently and stopped by to visit the hospital. He reported having seen the work of the Alliance there and marveled at their operating room and other improvements to the hospital. It made him proud. Some of you are still with us and have contributed to this work. Thank you. May this be an encouragement to us all.

Hoping to hear from you soon, may God bless you and keep you, may He continue to use us to do the work of His hands,

Always in His care,

Louise Allard/President



Emily and Susan, the new BOM teacher



TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE: THE BUWENGE FACILITIES IN 2008



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DR ROSS IS CONDUCTING A SKILLS REVIEW, 2010