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Report From Uganda



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Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Will you take a few minutes for an update? It seems that we live in a pressure cooker. There is so much happening around us that it's hard to absorb all that is on our plate. Nevertheless, we are trying. Here's a brief report.

You recall our NGO recertification which was due in February 2024? There were many more requirements then five years earlier. But Emily and I went at it with dedication. First, equipped with the yearly reports for the last five years, we then focused on the remaining requirements and encountered difficulties and delays at every turn. Eventually, we resolved everything and submitted to the NGO Board in October. We were greeted with a huge penalty for delaying our report: 16 million UGX or $4500 in addition to filing fees: 2,250,000 UGX or $600.

We appealed and waited and negotiated. Then they reviewed our submission and told us to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan. We had used the same format as in the past. Not good enough. So, Emily and I developed one based on the Strategic Plan format we had used for the St Raphael Hospital Project. We expect the story to end well for they decreased our penalty to 1.5 million. We are to submit in 1-2 days, God willing, and after both Boards review the new format and give their assent. ALI Board Members have already approved. We anticipate the prize: A five-year NGO recertification for ALI-UG.

We have wonderful news. The bakery/vocational training center closed the month of March in the black for the first time. I asked Emily how they did it. She said: "we do

not tolerate debts." She meant that the store has to pay the products on delivery and not after the fact. And as of today, the government is assuming the production and distribution of electricity throughout the country. They promised better service and lower prices. We remain with supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center and its related programs.

The St Raphael Project is moving slowly. Design review usually takes 3-4 months, but this time, they are delayed. The Board shall meet next week and meet this challenge.

May I introduce you to a young lady named Teddy who is graduating from high school? She wants to become a nurse or a midwife. We need a sponsor for her as she comes from a very poor family. She is represented by Godfrey, a St Raphael Board Member and the founder of St John School where she attends. Godfrey says they can meet 40% of the fees. He seeks a sponsor for the remaining 60% or $375.00 every six months for two years. ALI-UG has done that in the past. We supported a nurse and a midwife who went on to graduate. Let us know if you are interested and we shall make sure she gets it. She shared her grades which I will send to you upon request. Teddy may end up working at the St Raphael Hospital. This is how the Lord works.

We recently held the Africa Social Fund Raiser. We had a great time. All auction items went like hot cakes. Thank you for your generous support. As planned, we awarded a Life Achievement Award to Dr Sergio Stone for his humanitarian and professional work in Congo and Rwanda for over 14 years. We touched his heart. Dr Stone has been a Board Member for several years now. We continue to be blessed by his service, guidance and wisdom.

Thank you for your love and support for the people of Uganda. May God richly bless you and keep you.

Always in His care,

Louise Allard/President



Louise, Sergio, and Dennis

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Louise is surrounded by the BOM Ugandan teachers. Some are in training and need your prayers.



Teddy, our future nurse, needs a sponsor!