Alliance For Life International©



Report From Uganda

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Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Greetings from Gayaza, in the Kampala suburb. It's exciting to be here after a period of eleven months. We are now deep in bakery issues, PRC matters, and planning for an unexpected visitor.

In September, we attended a conference by the American Association of Christian Counselors held in Nashville, TN. Emily was supposed to join us but was denied her visa to travel to the States. We were disappointed but, having prayed faithfully, we saw it as God's will.

Our goal was to invite participants to join a trip to Uganda in March 2026. Sixteen showed interest. We hope that seven at least will make the trip. Dr. John Hudson, psychologist, will lead the professional outreach. He has shared his skills in several developing countries and has an extensive military background. We discussed how to introduce the team in Uganda. We decided to conduct an outreach in a large church where we will meet pastors and lay leaders and teach them how to best meet their parishioners' mental health needs. This large church is connected to our radio program *Life Matters.* This will give us the opportunity to conduct a radio program with some counselors.

In addition, we will introduce the professional counselors to a university hospital in Kampala. Meeting other professionals will be stimulating and can lead to further cooperation.

The Kibaale area where the hospital project is located, has also shown interest in their visit. Florence Butegwa, lawyer and St Raphael Board Member, suggested we

reunite district officials and other health professionals in the region to discuss the availability of mental health services. There is a great lack at this time.

I am excited to report that Dr. Victoria Base-Smith, an *Alliance supporter,* is joining me in Uganda in two days! She is a psychologist and anesthesiologist. She has worked in the military for several years. Now that she has retired, she is anxious to join me. She specializes in conducting needs assessment. She will help me plan the counsellors' trip for next year.

On the PRC side, we are helping a pregnant lady whose husband is recovering from a bike accident; one who just delivered her fourth child while her husband is away at work. We help with medical expenses, children's clothing, and emergency financial assistance in the form of a donation or a free-interest loan as needed. Community development is an important aspect of our work. We do the same for single mothers so they can sustain themselves. We also contribute to school fees. Their stories of survival are often heartbreaking but they show courage, resourcefulness, and hard work. It does not take too much to make a difference. These programs are small but so necessary.

Today, we received our Certificate of NGO recertification for the next five years. It represents a great and costly achievement as the process is very involved.

Our bakery is requiring a renewed focus. We are balancing the production of donuts, a favorite product, with the production of big bread. Focusing on donuts mostly does not bring the cashflow needed to operate. We are now requiring pay-cash-on-delivery. We informed the stores that Celebration Bakery is part of an NGO offering free social services. We hope that they will remain with us even though we do not plan to offer credit anymore. We have 8 bakery employes.

As for the St Raphael Hospital Project, the designs review and **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment** are nearing completion. The Board is set to meet during the 2nd week of November to approve the Technical Committee report and recommendations. It will be exciting to move on since it will bring us closer to construction.

We plan to spread the concept of health insurance to another region. We just received a donation that will meet the costs of educating leaders. Eventually, several will become part of the insurance board. It is based on the co-op model.

We pray you remain faithful in your support. This year, there will not be an opportunity for another fundraiser. The Lord is always at our side, guiding us and giving us encouragement along the way, and it is often through you. We are united in this precious work to help mothers and children and the down-trodden. They are ever present but God brings them to us little by little, to make sure we are not overwhelmed by their needs.

By year-end, would you consider becoming a Founding Member? There are several levels to choose from. Ensure an enduring legacy for your family by helping to build a

pediatric hospital in Uganda. Continue to pray for the path that the Lord has chosen to continue financing this project. We can see it in our rearview mirror. In its perfect time, the vision will come to past. Even if it tarries, wait for it, “it will surely come, it will not be late (Hb 2:3).” We rest in the Lord and the power of His might.

Until next time,

Always in His care,

Louise Allard/President



Sarah is picking up clothing for

Benson and a neighbor’s newborn



Bernadette is six-month pregnant. Husband recently injured.

She is hopeful because of the help we provided



Our duplex is under construction. The landlord is adding a second story.



Adelou and Louise. With the help you provided, he is now able to sustain himself by baking muffins and cakes while studying at the university