



Alliance For Life International[®]

A Report from Uganda

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Dear friends of the Alliance,

Greetings from East Africa. It is a beautiful land where the climate is so temperate and easy to live with. It is 60-83 degrees Fahrenheit year round with two rainy seasons: March through May and September through November. I thought that the seasons in between were much dryer. Not really. There are precipitations year-round. The winter season is the hottest, 61 to 83F from December through February. We were concerned that it would be too hot in July/August but this is not the case.

We still live with the pandemic although life is slowly returning to normal except that schools and churches remain closed. There are 1154 cases and 3 deaths. People are back to work; public transport including bodas have resumed although the taxi vans still run at half-capacity and cost more.

Work at the **Pregnancy Resource Center** is picking up. It is still difficult for people to reach our office. Our staff is resuming their normal hour of operations since curfew has just lifted.

We've been on the Radio LIVE for the past 4 weeks for our weekly program, **Life Matters**. Norah and Nobert are presenting the **Collier Community Abstinence Program (CCAP)** geared toward teenagers and young adults. Concurrently, we have been teaching this program to a small group of teens, this time in person. For the last two programs, we will invite two teens to join the presenters in studio. Norah made home visits to meet the parents and explain the program and obtain their authorization for their participation on the radio. When parents are involved, this program is very effective at reducing teen-age pregnancy and STIs; for parents have the primary responsibility for their children's education.

Judith is set to start her sewing classes on August 3rd. Even though classes at large have not resumed, the teacher agreed to train only one or two students at a time. We thank Drs. Karen & Hugh, the couple who is supporting this young mother of two. We continue to sponsor her rent for \$28 monthly as she was being evicted when we got to know her. At this time, she cleans bathrooms for a living. Her sponsorship through the **Adopt-A-Mom** program has really the potential to change her life for the better for years to come. It is a significant investment of \$50-100 month over one to two years, depending on the program selected. We usually have one to two young ladies at a time being sponsored by a few donors. Would you consider

participating in this program? This way, we would be ready for the next young mother needing our life-changing support.

Emily is resuming her **Natural Family Planning teaching, using the Billings Ovulation Method**. We have two new teachers taking further training via a Correspondence Course. Emily and I are learning to supervise students through this program. I have just received some excellent news. The **World Organization Ovulation Method Billings (WOOMB)** has announced that they will renew their full support for the **Billings Life Center** for another two years. This is a joint effort between ALI and WOOMB. We are very grateful for their generosity and support at all levels, including supervisory.

The **St Raphael Hospital Project** is moving well. The whole team went on a field trip to Kampala on July 13/14. We met with **Sarick Construction Ltd** represented by Samuel Okurut, Managing Director. We concluded our agreement to begin construction as early as this month. Sarick will start with the site establishment, then excavation, trenches, and foundation, including erecting beams for the ground level for one of the two buildings, the hospital block. We gave a down payment toward this phase. We are very thankful to Sarick for their willingness to work with us. We pay-as-we-go, with Sarick going ahead of us, but not too far ahead.

We have taken the same approach with **Envision Design Architects** represented by **Philip Kivunike**. He has been providing designs for us since 2016 for the **St Raphael Teaching Hospital of Western Uganda**. **You have helped us all along**, as we paid for two land surveys; environmental assessment; water investigations; disease burden study; district project proposal; land clearing, grading, and road access; designs, and more designs; and now the 15% down payment on the hospital foundation. We are so grateful for you.

There is a spirit of philanthropy that permeates this project. We will begin local fundraising this month. Now that we have the designs required for the Proposal, we are getting ready to present it first to the Bishop's office, then to the Kibaale District, then at large. It's an exciting time because we have been long at work for the planning/fundraising phase. We anticipate a ground-breaking event in September after the construction has started. Raphael is a civil engineer specialized in quality and time management. He studied in Uganda, Germany and Italy. He will be the independent supervisor on the grounds during construction. Raphael is also our Building Chair. We are very fortunate to have such qualified and dedicated volunteers heading our project. Raphael, our project name-sake to his great joy and pride, is the one that encourages our architect and construction manager to consider their involvement as partly charitable in the interest of leaving an important and long-lasting legacy for their country.

We hope that you are remaining with us as we move forward. **We need you more than ever to continue to support our first love and our dedicated and most qualified staff at the PRC. We are excited about resuming our full activities.** It has been a time of renewal for the staff. We pray that churches and schools re-open soon. How can we function any longer without their essential services? Have you noted the increase in lawlessness and violence since the churches have closed?

We are excited to begin with the children's facilities. In Uganda, children represent half the population but in Kibaale, they make two-third of it! Can you imagine? There is a great need for essential medical services. I believe we only see the tip of the iceberg. Would you help us by **Becoming a Founding Member**? It's a wonderful way to insure that you get to participate in leaving such an important legacy for years to come. **We will be recording all Founding Members in a Book of Records: The St Raphael Teaching Hospital of Western Uganda Founding Members from 2015-----. It will be kept in the main lobby of the hospital in a special alcove.**

You can visit our website at www.allianceforlifeint.org/donate for more information to either give online or by check. Remember, you do not have to give the whole amount all at once. Once you choose your level, just get started. We have a member who reached the **Honorable level** that way. We will honor her at our next event in California. But everyone is different. Take heart, and do what you can. "For if the eagerness is there, it is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have (2 Cor. 8:12). And God will reward us and provide more seed for us to sow and an abundant harvest.

If you live in Uganda, we have designed a Becoming a Founding Member program just for you. You can access it online at: www.straphaelhospitalproject.org under Donate. The project website is up and regularly updated. This website is for everyone who would like to learn more about the St Raphael Hospital Project. You will find all kind of valuable information.

In my daily Bible reading, this is the Word for today:

"I am God, there is no other; I am God, there is none like me. At the beginning, I declare the outcome; from of old, things not yet done. I say that my plan shall stand, I accomplish my every desire. I summon from the east a bird of prey, from a distant land, one to carry out my plan. Yes, I have spoken, I will accomplish it; I have planned it, and I will do it (Isaiah 46: 9b-11)."

I believe we have been called to serve God together, yes, in a distant land. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10)."

It is really a privilege to serve alongside you. God will never fail to sustain us, guide us, and lead us to complete the good works that he has called us to do.

Always in His care,

Louise Allard
Founder/President



Nobert, assistant-manager and Judith



Louise and Samuel



St Raphael Team during construction contract negotiations. From L to R at the table: Godfrey, Raphael, Cyprian and John



At the signing: John, Anatoli, Samuel, Louise, and Godfrey



A Kampala Regional Hospital is being overwhelmed with newborns requiring extra care such as oxygen, from all regions of Uganda. Care must be decentralized.



Our calling: To serve the least of these and to insure they survive and thrive