



# Alliance For Life International<sup>©</sup>

## *Report from Uganda*

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Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Greetings from the Pearl of Africa! Dry season is here; it's fine. This Uganda climate is really perfect! It is 70-80 degree F year round; can't beat that. It was 86 one day last week. I was hot. Ugandans were too! I thought they were adapted to hot weather at least up to 100. No, they are used to 70-80.

Covid is back with a vengeance this time. As of today, there are 80,000 cases and 1,000 deaths. The cases doubled during the last four months. The cases were 60,000 just two weeks ago. Few have been vaccinated so far but it is underway. The President announced a partial lockdown beginning of June; still more cases especially in Kampala. Four people I work with had it; many know someone who died. This is serious this time. The lockdown regulations keep increasing. Our office has been closed since June 14. No transport is allowed unless it is authorized.

Surprisingly, we are able to carry on our work during the lockdown. As of now, Emily meets one or two customers at a time, mask and all, to teach the Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) at a convenient place where they can walk to. And good reports keep coming in: three women who had been trying to conceive for 6, 5, and 3 years had the joy of becoming pregnant. During the last two months, Emily trained 55 new couples or individuals and followed up with 97 clients. Most have been able to switch from artificial methods to the BOM and they are able to postpone successfully. So our business is not slowing down in this regard.

Emily continues to host our weekly radio program, Life Matters. In May and June, she has addressed the following topics: effects of divorce on children, nutrition, how hormonal contraceptives work and their negative effects on the cervix, causes of infertility, child neglect, and artificial family planning vs the BOM. During the month of June, thirty callers accessed us to inquire about the BOM or family life. We began to play reruns as of mid-June because there is no public transport to the station.

Nobert got Covid during the month of June and has recovered. He had been vaccinated prior. It must be the delta variant. In Israel, half of the new cases had been vaccinated. Nobert works from home and continues to manage our office effectively. Norah remains on medical leave and improving. We hope she will be able to return to work when we move to Gayaza. She is excited about the move. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, we let go of our rental in Munyonyo.

As for the bakery start-up, the building we want to occupy remains in construction. The electricity for the bakery needs to be commercial grade. Our privately hired electrician has done the wiring inside. There remains the outside. It is complicated. The government entity wants to be involved as overseer but after the fact. Ivan, the landlord, wants to know what is required before hand and the cost. Then, we will go private. We hope and pray to resolve this issue this week.

Our future baker, Leonard, has been laid off from his 72-hour a week job because, during the lockdown, his employer does not expect he will sell as much bread. Many people have left Kampala due to the lockdown. He is anxiously awaiting our bakery opening. I would like to say August 1st but I put this in God's hands.

I met Ambrose, a young man involved in outside sales. He could sell our products to grocery stores. He made a written proposal to do a two-week canvassing survey first. This will indicate possible selling locations. At the moment, he represents a company that sells cleaning products. They informed him that they are closing their business as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. He also wants to work for us.

I believe we will continue to have wonderful people working for us: experienced, educated, and very knowledgeable. It reminds me of a promise that the Lord gave us in Sept 2015: "The Lord will affirm the blessing upon you, on your barns, and on all your undertakings; He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you (Deut. 28:8)."

We are moving on well with the St Raphael Hospital Project in Kibaale. We completed our legal document for the Company by Guarantee without Shares, a non-profit legal entity. The main subscribers are the Hoima Catholic Diocese (HCD) and Alliance for Life International. The Alliance will stay for the next thirty years after which the HCD will assume total responsibility. After registering the document, the newly appointed Board of Directors will lead the project. We hope to begin construction for the pediatric facilities before I leave at the end of September. It is entirely possible because construction is unimpeded by Covid. It seems like the Lord has created a path for us to move regardless of the pandemic.

In my spare time which is significant in Kibaale where I'm staying during the lockdown, I have begun to write a book about my experiences in Africa for the past 18 years. The projected title is: The Adventures of a Medical Missionary in Africa. I am making good progress. There are many fascinating stories.

We are glad that most States are opening up and that there is a taste of freedom in the air. There are so many other concerns as our country is undergoing a tsunami of changes which are very concerning depending where one sits! Prayer is our main coping mechanism. The Lord is still in control and wants what is best for His people. He is a God of love and justice. With that in mind, we can go forward and enjoy life. Doesn't He say, again I say rejoice?

Please remember us in your prayers. It is a ministry; therefore spiritual forces are at work. Together, we keep them at bay! You recall Dr. Mary from Oklahoma? She was planning to come to Uganda in August to work with Ugandan doctors. She would be our first doctor initiating a professional exchange program. Everyone was so excited to welcome her at St Francis Hospital in Nsambya, Kampala; like a sister hospital to St Raphael...in the making... Dr. Mary has since been diagnosed with a serious illness. Thankfully, there is a cure and she is expected to make a good recovery. The treatment is on-going. Please pray.

As usual, we need your continued financial support. We trust that the Lord is blessing you so you can continue to bless others. This is a work of love, in service to our Lord of which you play a major part. Would you continue to support the work of the Pregnancy Resource Center? It is our anchor, the seat of all our operations. We are excited about combining the Bakery/School with the PRC. It will be a great combination!

The St Raphael Teaching Hospital Project is a wonderful opportunity to leave a legacy of love and care by becoming a Founding Member. The children will benefit first. Getting a good start will help them all their lives. Please help us ensure we fund the children's facilities. The cost is so affordable here and the need is so serious. We can build a 41-bed Children Hospital and Utility Building for 2-3 million dollars. In the US, it would cost 40 million. To become a Founding Member is easy. There are many levels to choose from. It is just a matter of getting started.

We entrust you to the Lord's care as it is the best place to be. May you thrive in His love.

Always in His care,

*Louise Allard*  
*President/founder*



The neighboring children in Kibaale at Sunset Bich Guest House. Schools are closed due to Covid. There is one girl in the middle sitting down.



Josephine, Ruth, and Julius send their love. They staff the Guest House. Did you notice that Julius reinforced his broken raking tool? Ingenious!