



Alliance For Life International[©]

A Report from Uganda

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Dear friends of the Alliance,

We send our greetings from Uganda. We hope you are well. Life is returning to normal except that schools and churches are closed. We are praying for both to reopen shortly, as we do not understand why they remain shuttered. We are concerned over widespread and mandatory vaccine passports or similar proof of vaccination since medical decisions and release of medical information are strictly within the purview of the individual. This has not reached Uganda since very few are vaccinated.

We are so excited to report that the duplex building is ready for occupation. Our cabinetmaker is fitting counters and storage space around the bakery display. Our electrician is finishing this week. He had to install six poles and a transformer to bring commercial grade electricity to our building. We expect the government entity to put us on the grid next week. We had not anticipated this additional expense but we find it is well worth it considering that rents are five times cheaper in this fast-growing area.

We just hired two servers for the bakery. They will join Leonard, the chef baker, and Ambrose, rep for outside sales. Nobert will manage the Pregnancy Resource Center and the bakery. We will share the same space for the first few months or until we open the Bakery School in 2022.

We are encountering difficulties with registering our new bakery and company by guarantee under our existing NGO. At issue is our name. NGOs now have to register under another system. It starts with the name of the organization. They refused our name saying there are too many organizations with the word *alliance* in it. We tried to resolve short of buying it! During Covid, there are few employees. Our lawyer finds the office disorganized. For the last five months, we have been visiting the NGO Bureau 1-3 times per week, writing letter to the director, and talking to the staff; to no avail. Only the director can resolve our issues and he is rarely available. They have closed several NGOs. We find ourselves fortunate not to be among them.

This is affecting our signing the new Company by Guarantee without Shares for the St Raphael Healing and Wellness Center Ltd. Our partner, the Hoima Catholic Diocese represented by Bishop Kirabo and Chancellor Dominic, have been patient and understanding. This must be a

time of testing. In Uganda, matters are often resolved with additional payments made surreptitiously to facilitate transactions. Since we desire to follow the proper chain of command and protocol, we experience significant delays. We are building a non-profit Catholic Hospital. Our purpose should be sufficiently inspiring to warrant cooperation.

Last month, we tried to share a short video clip of a child struggling to accomplish a task. It would not open. We believe you will be able to access it this time. It is important to finish well. We hope it ministers to you as well.



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We trust God to give us favor so that all gets resolved timely. We obtained a visa extension up to Oct 5. Please pray that we will witness the bakery opening and the groundbreaking event for the hospital children's facilities before this timeline.

Our employees for the Pregnancy Resource Center are working from their homes. Emily is spreading the knowledge of the Billings Ovulation Method among couples. We always rejoice when pregnancy follows years of trying to achieve conception against all odds. Other couples find freedom from adverse side effects of contraceptives they were using.

Life Matters airs weekly on *family radio*. Besides family planning, Emily addressed early marriage and its consequences; she included ways to overcome them. In other episodes, she tackled domestic violence and depression. Many callers continue to reach out for guidance and resources.

We just hired a new consultant: Clayton Mwaka, Certified Public Accountant with several years of experience and the same faith perspective. He will help us file our annual financial report with the NGO Bureau. Under Alliance for Life International-Uganda, he will include the bakery and school, the PRC, and the hospital. We needed someone super qualified to help us. He comes to us highly recommended.

Our proprietor, Ivan, is holding an open house this weekend. He will introduce his new tenants: our Pregnancy Resource Center, and the coming bakery and school. He has invited local government officials and church leaders. What a wonderful opportunity to meet our new neighbors.

We need you more than ever as we are spreading our wings to accomplish what we have been planning for the last six years. These are exciting times. We strive to give birth to our dream: the St Raphael Teaching Hospital of Western Uganda, starting with the children's facilities. Please support the St Raphael Project. You can work toward becoming a Founding Member as there are many levels to choose from. Once construction begins, it will open doors to

fundraising for the hospital in Uganda. Until then, we are the mainstay and your support is so important. Besides construction, our immediate needs consist of filing for the new company by guarantee and clearing some architect fees.

As for the work of the Pregnancy Resource Center, this is our first love. Help us thrive in our new community, and bring hope to distressed pregnant mothers and their babies. Help us reach the youth with our Game Plan program, encouraging them to abstain till marriage and focus on achieving their dreams. Help us train couples to plan their families naturally and effectively according to God's plan; help us educate and support life and family like we have been doing for the last 13 years in Uganda.

Until next time in California, we wish you well and God beneath our wings, helping us all to overcome these challenging times together and to fulfill His purposes.

Louise Allard, President



The kitchen bakery in the back and the bakery storefront



Our manager's office



One of two full bathrooms



Office for two PRC staff



Teaching Room for the PRC



The future St Raphael Children Hospital & Wellness Center