



# Alliance For Life International.®



## *Report From Uganda*

September 1, 2022

Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Greetings from Uganda. Let's mix it up a little and start with the latest! We finally have electrical 3-phase power for our bakery. After contacting the Uganda utility chairman, we started moving in the right direction. He assigned a staff to accompany us all the way to completion. It took a little over one month. Philip, our bakery consultant is preparing us for opening. The staff we had found one year ago is anxious to start. They were all waiting in the wings. So many candidates, so few opportunities in this developing country. Uganda welcomes new investors.

Emily and I consulted with our graphic designer to develop signs for *Celebration Bakery and School* and the *Pregnancy Resource Center*. As we had made the decision to merge these two NGO ministries and occupy the same location, we decided to advertise them together. See the result of our creative effort below. Dr. Stephen Meyer, ALI Board Member, asked astutely: "Louise, will the bakery have a separate phone number?" We had forgotten to obtain one! It's in the works.

On the same day we got power, Fr. Christmas Austen obtained his visa to visit the US during the next two years. We got to know Fr. Christmas when he was still in seminary ten years ago. Louise was presenting at the first national pro-life conference in Uganda. Fr. Christmas invited her to speak to his pro-life group at Ggaba seminary. Our friendship grew over the years. Fr. Christmas was ordained priest and assigned at a parish in the Kabale district (not the same as Kibaale). Louise visited him in 2016 when conducting a *Billings Ovulation Method* Teacher Training in Kisoro, a few miles away. We kept in touch and he obtained an invitation to visit *St Martin de Porres Church in Yorba Linda, California*. Covid prevented him to travel to the US in 2020 and 2021 as planned. He did not give up and finally obtained the long-

awaited permission to travel. Fr. Christmas is coordinating his visit with two churches in Orange County in agreement with his bishop.

Fr. Christmas was recently promoted Rector and vice-chancellor of *St Mary's Rushoroza Cathedral* in Kabale. He is such a young man, already with heavy responsibilities under which he thrives. We look forward to his visit in California in the next few months when Louise is back home.

We plan to teach our long-awaited *abstinence education program* using the *Collier Community Abstinence Program (CCAP)* from Florida. We obtained it in 2019, thanks to Renate, and have been planning to pilot it ever since but were delayed by Covid. We shall present it at St John's Secondary School in Kibaale in late September. The youth desperately need encouragement and knowledge to abstain before marriage. Teen-age pregnancy is rampant; overall, 25% of children are born to young mothers age 18 and below. In certain regions, it is as high as 40%. The young girl typically end up raising the child on her own, often with minimal family support, and automatically in poverty. Everyone recognizes the problem but it has proven intractable so far. We believe the CCAP will change that. Please pray for the successful implementation of this program in Uganda.

BOM teaching in Uganda has been generally a success as reflected in the increased enrollment. BOM has continued to attract many women who had previously been affected by the bad side effects of artificial family planning. The couples that got the chance of receiving BOM training have continuously testified that its use has improved their well-being. They find themselves more productive. Breastfeeding women find that the BOM meets their needs; even with an irregular cycle, they can still observe their return to fertility.

The *St Raphael Hospital Project* is moving steadily along. We received the results of the soils studies, a sophisticated technical procedure performed by Makerere University engineers. Our architect is using the results to update the materials he will use for the foundation. We are looking to start construction during the next 4-5 weeks. The project is moving on well under Chancellor Dominic's leadership and Joseph, Board Member for *St Raphael Healing and Wellness Center* and Technical Chair.

Louise and Anatoli have been working on a new website for *Alliance for Life International*. It is under construction. We reserved a new domain name: [www.allianceforlifeinternational.org](http://www.allianceforlifeinternational.org). The St Raphael own website will be linked to it (<https://www.straphaelhospitalproject.org>). In the meantime, our old website remains available at: [www.allianceforlifeint.org](http://www.allianceforlifeint.org)

We came bearing gifts: two laptop computers and two iPads, donated by Muriel, a long-time supporter. Two of our laptops have been stolen from Emily's house. God provided mightily. We are so thankful that Muriel answered the call! Anatoli is looking them over and updating the software as needed.

Here's the book update. We sent the manuscript to *Trilogy*, the publishing arm of TBN. The editing is almost complete. We are moving to cover designs, a fun part. The book is titled: *SURRENDER and Discover the Abundant Life*. It is the story of Louise's numerous trips to Africa during the last twenty years and the work of *Alliance for Life International* in Uganda. It will reach bookstores in December but it can take up to three months to become available.

As you can see, there is always a lot going on. Some things take a long time to achieve, but all along we make progress and God encourages us with victories along the way. It has been seven years on Sept 2022 since we announced the St Raphael Hospital Project and received the gift of land. Since then, we have developed two MOUs between the Hoima Diocese and ALI-UG, completed numerous studies, obtained preliminary drawings for the hospital complex and detailed drawings for our first building, the children's facilities, obtained district approval to start building, prepared the land, formed a new company and appointed a new board to direct the project.

Over the last few years, the fundraising has been lagging behind. The covid years and the long time we have been spending in Uganda since 2020 have been a factor. It would be a great encouragement to us to receive additional support at this time. The building company would be feeling more secured that the funds are steadily coming in. I have included an update of our Founding Members Recognition list (not available online but upon request). We are so grateful for your support over the years. We must thank Drs. Hugh and Karen for their grants over the last two years.

If you have been monitoring our progress, would you choose this time to jump in and become a founding member, or reach out to another level? It will take faith from your part as it has claimed the same from us all along. You will find that God is faithful and will bless your generous giving.

We would like to thank you all for supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center, and any other needs we have encountered over the last several years. We exist because you trust us to carry the mission of the Alliance on your behalf.

*Always in His care,*

*Louise Allard, Founder/President*

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## ALLIANCE FOR LIFE INTERNATIONAL - UGANDA

### NGO Ministries

#### PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTRE

- Are you pregnant and worried?  
Call for free counseling
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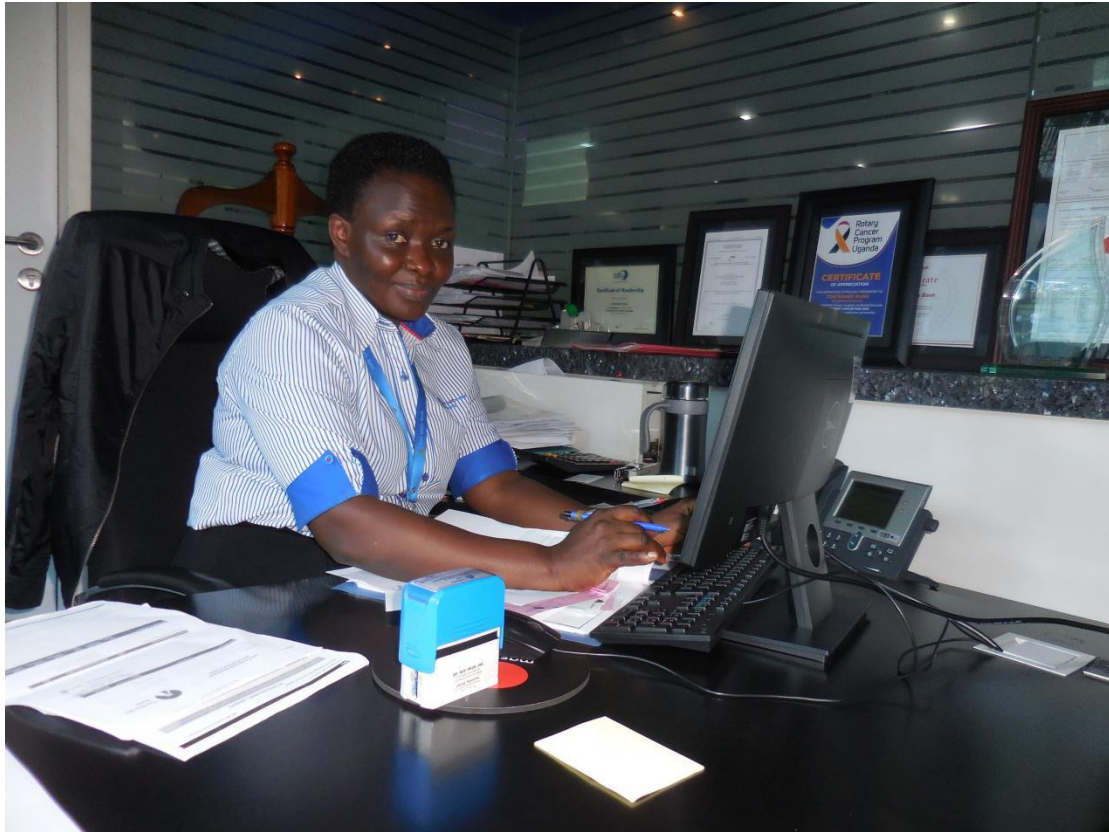
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Louise and Susan, a BOM Teacher in Training



Louise visited with her banker, Annet at Centenary Bank, their flagship branch in Kampala. She was covering for Patrick, regular manager. I was consulting Annet about opening a new bank account under our NGO to be used for the bakery and school. I found her very knowledgeable about businesses. Women in Uganda are reaching the glass ceiling.



Emily is teaching the BOM to a new breastfeeding mother

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