



2018

LOVE DOES

QUARTERLY IMPACT REPORT Q2



UGANDA



Term one has ended, and the school year is off to a great start! The debate team at Restore Leadership Academy won the Regional Tournament and went all the way to the quarter finals in the East African Tournament! This co-ed and mixed grade team is a wonderful example of the determined, bright, and resourceful students at our school. We are so proud of them, and so grateful to all of you for continuing to stand alongside them.

On the Primary School campus, the library is officially open! The students are so excited to spend time reading and studying in this bright new space. This room for books and learning means so much to these kids. Many are the first in their families to be literate, and it is changing everything for their futures!

We also celebrated seven graduates from our Launch program! These brilliant students went to universities throughout Uganda, and now have degrees in education, engineering, microfinance, and commerce. We are so proud of them and cannot wait to see the impact they continue to have in their communities!

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IRAQ



We returned to Iraq for the first time in about a year, and it was so wonderful to see how much has changed! This was the first time that we had been able to visit since the completion of the Love Does Village. The development of community that we have seen since the creation of the Village has been truly awe-inspiring. These Syrian families have a chance to flourish rather than survive. The families that live in the Love Does Village do not pay rent, and their children are able to attend the nearby Love Does School. With help from all of our friends across the world, we hope that Kurdistan can continue to be a home for these refugee families that have been through so much!

The Love Does School is filled with wonderful IDP and refugee students. The goal of this school is to provide these displaced kids with the amazing education that they deserve, and to ensure that their lives are not permanently disrupted by the conflict. We have a remarkable teaching staff that fill the students up with love and information about the bright futures that they have waiting for them, and provide them with a space to just be kids.

As the community in Soran has evolved and settled, so have their needs. After starting the school and building the Love Does Village, the next need was a hospital. The hospital is a truly incredible place and is helping this community to rebuild and recover in ways that they could not before. One doctor told us, "You cannot imagine or expect what this means for the people here." For many displaced families this is the first medical care they have received in years, and it is instilling more hope and love than they could have dreamed of!

IRAQ



SOMALIA



Amazing news from Somalia! In June, a container filled with 287,000 nutrient-packed meals arrived to help fill the bellies and spread smiles to the faces of our friends there.

At the Love Does Safe House, we are excited to begin building a basketball court! These facilities will be available for the women in our home as well as for others in the community. This sports program aims to improve physical health and self-esteem while also empowering the girls and teaching them valuable skills such as teamwork, leadership and communication. We are cheering them on!

The babies in our Baby Home are as adorable as ever. Thanks to so many generous friends who sent supplies for our “baby shower”, we sent over hundreds of bottles, baby clothes, pacifiers and toys! We are so grateful to be able to give these tiny ones a bright start!

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AFGHANISTAN

In May, we officially opened the doors of our new school in Afghanistan! The grand opening of the school was a day we will remember for a very long time. As the students walked into the new school, the first time many of them had ever been to a school before, the looks on their faces were priceless. So many of these kids have been through experiences that most of us can hardly imagine, but that hasn't stopped their joy. The people who we are working with, and those we are helping, are hungry for education and are so excited to be there. This project has been years in the making, and we are thrilled to finally see so many smiling faces fill the classrooms!

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Due to the conflict in Afghanistan, many families have had to flee their homes, halting kids education in the process. Our dream in building this school is to give these families the love and stability that they deserve while also creating a place of fun and learning for our students. Through our work here, we hope to begin changing the narrative around education in Afghanistan by sharing about the beautiful, peaceful, resilient people that make up this commonly misunderstood place.

Thanks to so many of you, this new school is a beacon of hope and place of refuge for hundreds of kids. The school is stocked with books, and led by brave Afghan people who believe as much as we do that the hope of this country is in the youth. We cannot wait to see these educated kids point this country in the direction of love!

We hope to raise \$100,000 for the opening and operating costs of the school. Join us in the joy of educating these students!

