



### **UGANDA**



We're so excited that this year <u>Restore Leadership Academy</u> has a girls basketball program! The girls were trained by a local organization, attended tournaments throughout the district, and finished off the season with a championship tournament at Restore. During the season, each of the girls grew in their skills and understanding of the game, but more than that, it was wonderful to watch them grow in their teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership. The whole school had a blast cheering these girls on.

During the second and third term of the academic year at RLA, the students had elections for their class leaders, also called prefects. After the lively campaigning and voting, they have a hand-over and swearing in ceremony where they show gratitude for the previous leaders, and encourage the new prefects before they assume their roles. The students love this tradition, and it is a wonderful display of their character and leadership. We are proud of them all!

In July, 58 traditional healers graduated from our Functional Adult Literacy Program. Their time in the program culminated on graduation day with a Community Advocacy Training where they spent time learning and discussing how they can be advocates for safe practices that combat trafficking, domestic and gender-based violence in their communities. They wore their caps and gowns proudly, ate lots of cake, and danced and sang for hours. We know these graduates will continue to lead their communities with love!



## **SOMALIA**



Construction of our <u>Girls Leadership Academy</u> is looking wonderful! We worked with a local contractor to help us build a modern, sustainable and safe space for these girls to learn. It is on track to be finished by the end of the year, and we will then open our doors and welcome in the first class of girls! Enrollment priority will be given to girls that have been supported in the Love Does Safe House or have had a history of sexual or gender based violence. Other beneficiaries will include girls from the internally displaced people's communities in Mogadishu that are either illiterate or cannot financially afford to attend school. We cannot wait to see these lovely, deserving faces fill the classrooms!

The <u>baby home</u> is doing well, and our caretakers are enjoying the new bigger space. Each day is busy with so many young ones, but is also full of smiles, joy and love. One of our long-term goals is to work with the government to promote more systems of foster care and adoption so we can plan for their futures. Until then, we are committed to loving and caring for these wonderful babies forever!



#### **AFGHANISTAN**



This summer, the <u>students</u> at our school completed the first semester of their school year. They finished off the semester with excellent scores on their exams and then enjoyed their summer break for two weeks. Our teachers and staff are so impressed by the improvement they have seen in the students since the first day of the school year.

At the beginning of September, the children excitedly returned back to school to begin their second semester. While our students continue attending classes in our current rented facility, construction teams have been hard at work on our permanent school building. The students and staff cannot wait to move into their bright new space next year, and we are excited to share it with all of you who helped to make it possible!



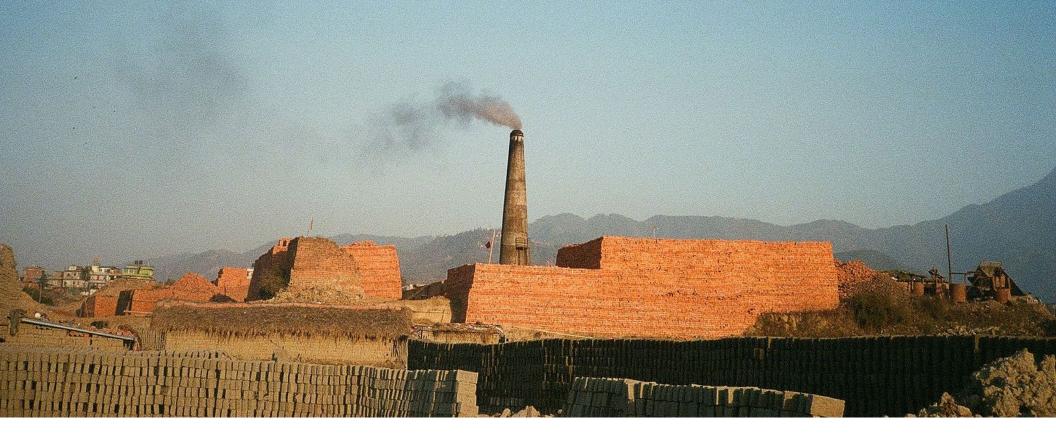
# **NEPAL**



Our <u>after school program</u> had a great summer, and we had 18 new students join in. It is lovely to see the older students volunteer to help their younger peers with their homework and be available for support. As more students have attended, the teachers have also dedicated even more time and creativity to making sure these students are getting the best support possible. They are all so grateful for the community of care that this program provides.

The <u>four girls</u> in our home stay very busy all year round. Through all of their activities from sports to school, they are such great supporters and friends to each other. Their maturity, care and kindness shines through in all they do. They are so bright and ambitious that we already have plans for them to go to college, and have started saving!

Both the girls home and the after school program enjoyed celebrating a big Nepali festival in the beginning of October. Dashain is the most important festival of the year, and is a 15 day celebration focused on the good in the world and spending time in community.



#### LOVE DOES SCHOOL NEPAL

We are building a <u>new primary school</u> in Nepal! On one of our trips there we visited a local brick factory, where hundreds of people come to work for the six month brick season each year. While there, we learned that many of the parents who come for work bring their children with them. Unfortunately, there are no schools close by, and since they are not from the area, many of the kids have stopped their schooling. We decided to build a school on the land of the brick factory, so that these kids can receive an education while their parents work. The school will teach 5-6

primary level subjects and provide meals and supplies for all of the students each day. We hope to have the building completed by the beginning of 2020.

This school will be a special space for these kids, a place to spend time learning, playing and just being kids. We hope to raise \$30,000 for the first year of operating the school. We would be honored if you joined us in the joy of educating these kids!



# THANK YOU

Thank you for making all of this possible. The way you bring joy and hope into the world is incredible.

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