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### THE POWER OF EDUCATION

Education is one of the most effective, long term ways to build peace. If the kids at our schools know peace and love and hope, we believe they will give peace, love and hope back to those around them. By investing in long term goals for these children, together we can create lasting change in areas plagued by conflict. To accomplish these goals, we purposely build schools in conflict zones. We assemble a team of amazing teachers who are passionate about taking care of the next generation and leading their countries forward. Then, we aim to equip the students with additional skills like leadership, peace building and entrepreneurship so they can enter adulthood with a strong sense of who they are and contribute to their communities for years to come.

















### **RESTORE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The Restore Leadership Academy maintains its commitment to excellence in academics, sports, and discipline for our students. The younger students have shown significant progress in mastering literacy and numeracy, with an emphasis on activities like reading aloud and phonics to boost the children's confidence. The students are preparing for their upcoming final exams in October.

### THE JUSTICE PROGRAM

We are overjoyed to share that funding for the daycare renovations has been secured and work began on September 7, 2023. As of now, the tiling and plumbing tasks have been successfully completed, while the painting and minor repairs are still in progress. We are on track to have all the renovation work finalized by the end of the year, ensuring an improved and welcoming environment.





### **LAUNCH PROGRAM**

We have admitted thirteen new students into the Launch program this academic year from various universities in Uganda. A former launch program student named Odong Solomon who graduated in July from Uganda Christian University with a Bachelors in Governance and International Relations wrote a heartfelt letter to extend his gratitude to Love Does for the generous scholarship that was awarded to him. Odong wrote "I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire leadership team at Love Does for their vision and dedication towards empowering students through education. Your collective efforts are changing lives and shaping futures and I am honored to be a beneficiary of your mission".

### **MEDICAL CAMP**

From July 6th-9th, we had the privilege of hosting a team of 12 doctors and nurses, including Dr. Mitch and Dr. Louis from the United States. They partnered with 10 doctors from African Renewal Ministries, under the leadership of Sarah Komugisha. During their visit, they provided medical care to an impressive number of individuals, including over 800 students, 70 staff members, and several community members.











### **EDUCATION IN SOMALIA**

### **Girls Leadership Academy**

In partnership with Love Does and Aurora, Elman Peace successfully constructed and established the Girls Leadership Academy in Dhuusamareeb. The academy's infrastructure was completed in early May, and 186 young girls were selected for enrollment. A grand launch event was held on May 14th, which was attended by government officials, local leaders, and community members. The Minister of Women and Human rights, Minister of Education, Elman Peace executive director and key members of parliament spoke at the event, emphasizing the importance of girls' education and Elman's commitment to providing quality education.

Since September 1st, 186 students have begun attending prep classes to build literacy and basic numeracy skills, before the official curriculum begins at the end of December. The leadership academy curriculum combines rigorous academics with leadership training and civic engagement opportunities, aiming to prepare students to become entrepreneurs, community leaders, and advocates for social and political change in the future.







### **EDUCATION IN SOMALIA**

#### Middle School in Dhuusamareeb

The Middle School in Dhuusamareeb completed its construction last year and hosted an official launch event in May. The event was attended by key officials and community members who toured the facilities and engaged in discussions on the importance of education. The school is currently operational, with 124 students attending classes as of September. Educators and instructors have been recruited to provide various courses, focusing on building the basic foundations of literacy and numeracy for students in grades 6th-8th. The registration process revealed that a large majority of young girls in nearby communities were illiterate due to the privatization of the education sector in Somalia, making education inaccessible for many families.

#### **Primary School Mogadishu**

Construction has been completed at the primary school and final touches of furniture, air conditioning, and learning materials are being implemented. We are actively engaged in local fundraising efforts to receive these necessities, with programs set to commence at the end of December. Fifty children aged 6-8 have already been registered and selected for the free early education program, targeting abandoned, orphaned, and disadvantaged children. As part of our outreach efforts, the Elman Peace team organized a pre-launch event which was attended by government officials, community members, families, and young children residing within the community. The event included tours of the facilities and provided detailed information about the school's overall vision.

# SOMALIA

### **SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR PROGRAMS**

A social enterprise has been identified to support the longevity of the Girls Leadership Academy and Middle School in Dhuusamareeb. The plan involves establishing two separate 20x30 greenhouses in collaboration with the local community residents. Given Somalia's hot and arid climate with limited rainfall, agriculture has struggled, leading to increased imports of crops. Greenhouses offer a solution by significantly improving food security and nutrition, reducing poverty, and benefiting the environment.

The funds allocated to this social enterprise will cover greenhouse materials and training for students and staff. The greenhouses not only contribute to the sustainability of the education centers but also address critical issues such as drought, famine, food security, and climate action. Construction of the greenhouses is anticipated to begin in January 2024.











### **PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

In September 2023, all our students officially returned to school, marking the start of a new academic year. However, this year began with some additional challenges due to the ongoing conflict in the region. The past year had seen increased violence with the M23 rebel group, and the lack of protection and response from the UN had left the local population frustrated. Several protests had occurred, including one just a week before school started, resulting in over 100 reported civilian deaths as the government and military attempted to restore order.

The first week of school was heavily affected. On the first day, very few students attended, and school ended early due to fear. However, by the end of the week, things started returning to normal, and students gradually returned to school. Despite the difficult start to the year, we have remained hopeful. As of September 2023, the total number of students in our Love Does school is 311 students and at the Aurora school there are 16 students.









# AFGHANISTAN

### **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This quarter, 115 children returned to classes after a brief summer break. There are 46 students in fifth grade, 19 in fourth grade, 21 in third grade, 14 in second grade, and 15 in first grade.

Regular progress evaluations by teachers identified approximately 15 students who require "additional help" outside of class to catch up with their lessons. The school administration and teachers have identified these students and will provide extra support after school hours. All students, except for the first graders, have achieved literacy and numeracy skills in the local language of Dari, corresponding to their grade level.

Local authorities conducted a visit to assess the school's operations during the past quarter. They engaged with teachers and students, inspected the school's licensing, and reviewed evaluation reports prepared by teachers on students' progress. The authorities described the school's quality as "satisfactory" and expressed appreciation for the staff's efforts.





### **TESTIMONIAL**

Seven-year-old Sitaish, a first-grader, is described by her classmates as "made of kindness." Despite facing significant challenges, including the loss of her father and a tough financial situation at home, Sitaish is determined to attend school every day. She has made remarkable progress in her studies, learning to write in both Dari and English. Sitaish lives with her siblings and mother, where she takes on household chores, including getting water from a nearby well. Her love for her family shines through, earning her the reputation of being exceptionally kind. Although new to the school, Sitaish's teachers are already impressed by her determination to learn, and they eagerly anticipate her growth in the coming months and years.

Made of Kindness



### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Love Does Harisiddhi After School Program began the 3rd quarter with between 50-60 students attending for educational assistance, homework help, and a meal once a day, six days of the week. During this quarter we celebrated Teacher's day on July 3rd, Children's day on September 15th, and a day of song and dancing. The 4 teachers and cook create an atmosphere for our students to experience fun and excitement while receiving additional help in schooling.

### **BRICK FACTORY SCHOOL + GIRLS HOME**

Our Brick Factory School continues to provide a safe place for students whose parents work at the Brick Factory. The teachers have reported the students are healthy and excited to learn and be together.

The Girls Home continues to thrive and we are so proud of the girls for how hard they work for their education and ultimately their futures.















### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Throughout this reporting period, our unwavering commitment to the Children Project in Vellore has persisted. More than 50 children are able to continue their education, supplying them with essentials such as food, educational materials, and sanitary items.

Despite encountering various challenges, we remained steadfast in our mission to support these children, ensuring that they have the opportunity to study and improve their future.

We expanded our scope of impact by extending our project to include support for the Blind and HIV-affected communities, furthering our mission to make a positive difference in the lives of those in need.



# UKRAINE & POLAND



### **LOVE DOES SCHOOL IN POLAND**

This quarter consisted of many themed weeks for the students. Below are a few examples of what different weeks looked like.

During fashion week, students let their imaginations run wild by creating personalized denim jackets and tye-dyed t-shirts. Through this the students were able to express themselves and foster a sense of individuality.

During Warsaw week, the students were excited to visit some of Warsaw's most significant landmarks, including palaces, the science museum, and beautiful parks. It was an opportunity for them to connect with culture, history, and science in a meaningful way.

Our Sports Week was filled with a diverse range of sports and activities. From judo, to basketball, volleyball, swimming, and tennis, the week was an exhilarating journey from morning to evening. The kids learned essential judo techniques, gained discipline and self-confidence, and enjoyed teamwork and competition in basketball and volleyball. Swimming lessons provided them with crucial life skills and boosted their confidence being in the water. Additionally, a first aid course emphasized safety, while tennis encouraged hand-eye coordination and physical fitness.



# UKRAINE & POLAND



### **SUPPLIES TO UKRAINE**

In late May 2023, our team in Poland initiated a new project with the objective of assisting mothers in Ukrainian maternity wards. Expectant mothers are ushering new generations into a world where they will inevitably grow up amidst the shadow of this tragic conflict. A significant proportion of Ukrainian women are experiencing lactation issues, attributed to the immense stress induced by the ongoing conflict. Sourcing modified milk has become an increasingly challenging endeavor.

Ukrainian men aged 18 to 65 find themselves constrained within the country's borders due to travel restrictions, and many receive summons for military service. Pregnant women, in many instances, find themselves navigating these challenges on their own, as fathers may be either actively serving in the military, have tragically lost their lives in the conflict, or have lost their employment due to the war's economic repercussions.

We appear in Ukrainian hospitals every month with ready-made layettes. Every one of them includes a pacifier, rompers, a feeding bottle, foundations, diapers, powdered milk, wet wipes, bath emulsion, postpartum inserts and a postpartum nightgown. We have already visited hospitals in Lutsk and Tarnopil. In October, we will support hospitals in Bucza and Irpień.



### BURKINA FASO Burkina Fago



### **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In September, Pastor Deme hosted a school dedication ceremony. The event was attended by community leaders, including the village chief, as well as representatives from the Catholic and Muslim communities. Many local residents also participated in the ceremony. Pastor Deme had the opportunity to address the gathering and talk about the school. Visitors were given tours of the school facility, and everyone enjoyed a meal together. According to Pastor Deme, it was a fantastic day!





### ISRAEL Israel



### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Students took their final exams in June and ended their educational year. In July, day camps were held, providing a much-needed break for the kids after their final exams. Students were able to enjoy fun days filled with playing sports, making crafts, and baking items like sour dough bread. Kids from our after school program attended and invited their friends and relatives. One boy was inspired by the camp to join our after-school program because of the fun he had and the love he felt from the other students and the staff.

We also began renovating in August to add classroom space, preparing for the school year's start in September. We have doubled our enrollment and have added an eighth grade class! In October, we have scheduled psychological assessments, which could potentially provide students with accommodations for school and government exams.

Unfortunately, as you're all aware of the recent war, the situation grows increasingly intense near our after school program, and we are in constant communication with our country director, Samar. She has been tirelessly preparing and delivering educational care packages for our students so they know they are being lifted up and cared for during this difficult time as they're unable to attend school at the moment. We appreciate the concern and support.





### Love for all











# DOMINCAN REPUBLIC

### **WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER**

We are extremely thankful to have Ebeli join our staff and leadership team at the Women's Resource Center as she brings teamwork, encouragement, and cultural insights to the organization. Ebeli has been actively involved in various tasks at the Women's Resource Center and has been supporting preparations for the preschools through job interviews, police checks, buying uniforms, textbooks, school supplies, helping with inscriptions, and staff contracts.

The English programs, which were temporarily paused during the summer, are now back in action, all set for an exciting year of learning!

After a well-deserved summer break for the staff, we've reopened with renewed energy. Currently, 23 women are actively participating in a course focusing on eyelashes and eyebrows, with classes held once a week.

In addition, we recently hosted a Gynecology Day at the center, where 17 women attended for various medical tests and consultations, emphasizing our commitment to women's health and well-being. Cultura Viva taught a business and financing course, providing valuable knowledge to women on effectively managing finances for their entrepreneurial ventures. We are eagerly anticipating the upcoming graduation ceremony for the participants of this course to celebrate all of their achievements.







# DOMINCAN REPUBLIC

### **PRESCHOOLS**

In anticipation of the new school year, extensive renovations, interior decoration, and repairs to plumbing and electrical systems have been completed to make the buildings suitable for preschool activities. Staff teams have been expanded to include three full-time employees in each preschool which results in a ratio of one adult for every eight children.

Each student will receive their own government curriculum textbook, school uniform, and a meal each day. Currently, we have a total of 111 preschool students registered across all four locations.



### FOOD PROGRAM AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

The Love Does Food Program continues to provide food to various groups, including Monarch School, Urban Life, refugees, and young single moms. We have also partnered with the Small Potatoes Foundation to offer home-cooked meals to single moms.

The following outlines how many bags of groceries we've delivered this quarter:

- Monarch School: 400-450 bags of groceries (same 40-50 families)
- Urban Life: 360 bags of groceries (same 30 families)
- Refugees: 10 bags of groceries (10 families)
- Single Moms: 42 bags of groceries to 40 different moms

We have successfully resettled two Afghan families and have furnished their homes. We have partnered with the Home Consignment Center for furniture donations for our resettlement program.







### FOOD PROGRAM AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

We organized a Beach Day event, bringing together Afghan and Ukrainian refugees along with single moms for a day of fun. We also hosted a gathering for donors at the Love Does Home to discuss further program initiatives.

A program has been created to fund driving lessons for Afghan refugee women, empowering them with essential skills. We are in the process of launching a college program at that will be piloting this semester at PLNU.

Additionally, we introduced the Refugee Education Stipend Program, providing refugees with \$7500 for a school year to cover education costs, rent, transportation, and other essential expenses when enrolled in two classes.





### **PRISON PROGRAM**

#### San Quentin

Recently at San Quentin, we hosted NBC anchors for a discussion about StoryTelling with our 2023 storytelling workshop class. We have also created the Love Does Christmas Gift Program for inmates which allows them to send gifts and cards to their family members for the holidays. Recipients of our Love Does scholarships have begun enrollment into Adam's State.

On September 22, 2023 we visited San Quentin with a group of friends to continue our StoryTeller's workshop. We returned the inmates' completed writings/journals and are looking forward to graduation on December 14, 2023.



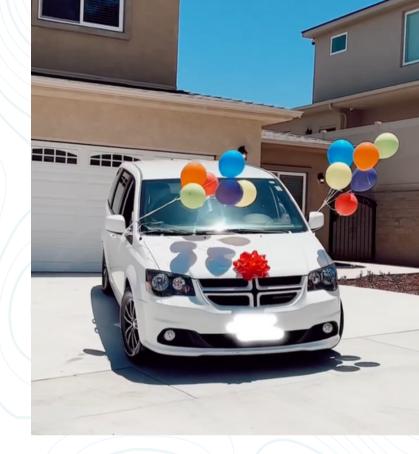


### **LOVE DOES HOME**

Thanks to the support of some incredible donors, our mom home bought a minivan to transport the moms to school, appointments, and the Love Does Boutique. This has been a huge gift for our program.

Our boutique and food assistance program has served about 150 moms so far and we are partnering with other nonprofits to build more resources to serve the growing community of single moms in San Diego. We had a life skills class on teaching early literacy and one of the moms commented that she really enjoyed learning how to incorporate toys and play along with reading. They are also learning how to connect with their children as they read to them.

We are so excited that two of our moms began full-time college classes this fall. The third mom began her final semester at high school and is looking forward to graduating in January. We are proud of them navigating the intense school load while parenting. They have been quick to add in tutoring as needed and we are cheerleading their successes! In addition at the home they are attending not only monthly life skills classes, such as children's literacy and healthy meal preparation, but also are learning through Financial Peace University. They are starting bank accounts and implementing saving and budgeting.





# THANKYOU have you

Thank you for loving and advocating for our friends around the world. Thank you for taking action. Thank you for giving, praying, and sharing. You are making a difference and we couldn't do any of the work we do without you.

LOVE Does

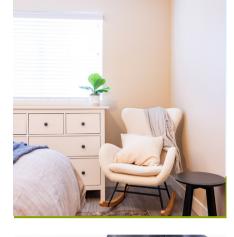


### LOVE DOES

















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