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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 UNIVERSITY

In our ongoing mission to bring education to Uganda, we're diving headfirst into our most exciting project yet - building a university! Just like our primary and secondary schools nearby, known as the Restore Leadership Academy, this university will keep the spirit of academic excellence alive and kicking in Uganda.

In February, Love Does leadership from both Uganda and the US toured the land that was recently purchased for the construction and development of Restore University. Restore Leadership Academy alumni also joined to share their experience at the university level thus far and gave our team guidance on what they would love to see for the next generation of Restore Leadership Academy graduates who will attend Restore University. As we set forth on this monumental journey and ambitious endeavor, we are dreaming big and envisioning a university that will serve as a beacon of learning, innovation and opportunity for generations to come.









RESTORE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Restore Leadership Academy (RLA) is a nursery, primary and secondary school in Northern Uganda in the Amuru district and was founded on the vision of giving kids a home and, most of all, hope. The school houses more than 1,400 students: 166 in the nursery, 552 in the primary school, and 750 in the secondary school. During the month of March, our students took part in a soccer tournament where they competed against other schools - and the girls team made it to the regional playoffs! We recently concluded the renovations of four dormitory roofs on campus. This has greatly improved the air circulation and the general aesthetic of the buildings.

The students of RLA were on break for all of January and were so excited to be back on campus come February! For spring enrollment, there were 2,000 children who applied for 100 spots at the school. This kind of demand represents the reputation that RLA has established throughout Uganda. Our country director, Godfrey, said it best, "It's not just the performance of the school but the character building and mentorship that continue to bring people to our school and that's what all the parents ask for."



UGANDA

JUSTICE PROGRAM

The Justice Program extends to both the men's and women's sections of the prison. On the men's side, we offer primary and secondary education while, on the women's side, we also provide literacy and vocational skills programs. On March 16th, 2024, we celebrated a significant milestone at the Gulu Women's Prison as we proudly graduated our 5th cohort of 19 women from the Boda Mechanics training program. Each graduate received a well-deserved certificate of completion along with startup tools to support their future endeavors. It was an honor to witness these resilient women embrace tangible skills that will empower them and others for generations to come.

There is a daycare within the prison that currently cares for 6 babies of inmates. These little ones engage in enriching activities daily such as reading books, playing with toys and eating nutritious meals. Having this daycare provides the unique opportunity for these babies to grow and develop in a nurturing environment with essential care and attention, thereby allowing them to thrive, even in challenging circumstances.







SOMALIA

GIRLS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

In partnership with Elman Peace and Pangaia, the girls at the Academy have received new, sustainable uniforms. In order to ensure that they are sustainable, the uniforms are being treated with peppermint to be fresher longer. These uniforms not only communicate a sense of belonging but also give the message that sustainability indicates something that will last, just like education. These young women continue to be equipped to thrive in the communities they are in.

PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MOGADISHU

Construction has been completed for the Primary School in Mogadishu! The launch of this school is planned for later this year. We have begun registration for children aged 5-7 years old to ensure that it is accessible for those within the surrounding community. Within Somalia, there is typically no formal education until the age of 12. Our Primary School will bridge this gap, giving children access to literacy training and preparing them for the next step in their education.

CONGO

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Our Love Does school in the Congo continues to face daily challenges with the ongoing war and uncertainties surrounding the national elections at the end of 2023. Despite the ongoing security concerns and economic inflation, though, the school's principal has demonstrated remarkable leadership, steering both staff and students with grace and an abundance of positivity. Currently, we have 37 students in kindergarten and 249 in primary school.



IMPACTFUL STORY

Gloire, a resilient 9-year-old enrolled in the 4th grade at our Love Does School, embodies a spirit of responsibility and care within her family. She helps her sister in preparing for school each morning and contributes to household tasks like cooking rice and cassava. Gloire is aware of the dangers posed by the conflict as she has heard unsettling stories from friends about the loss of family members due to rebel violence along the roads. Amidst these challenges, Gloire finds solace and joy in her school environment. With fondness, she speaks of her admiration for her teachers and the sense of security they provide. Her passion for learning shines through in her favorite subjects, science and math, fueling her aspirations to become a mechanic someday. Despite the adversities she faces outside the school gates, Gloire's determination and optimism illuminate a pathway towards a brighter future.



AFGHANISTAN

PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's an exciting time at our Love Does Primary School as all students have returned and transitioned to the next grade level! This quarter, a total of 115 students successfully completed final exams and passed with flying colors. Around 40 girls and boys were the first to join our school back in 2018 when they were just 6 and 7 years old; this group just completed 5th grade. As they become the leaders of the school, they also become our first 6th grade class! The skills they have attained since being at the Love Does School is leading them to help their neighbors and friends with literacy, English speaking and math equations. Additionally, we've identified and recruited 20 new students for first grade, bringing our total enrollment for the next session to 135 students! Our school is growing and thriving and these kids are being blessed with a solid education despite a tumultuous and challenging environment.

NEPAL.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Love Does Harisiddhi After School Program has maintained its success in providing essential support to 55 children by offering educational assistance, homework help, and a nutritious meal six days a week. A dedicated team of five staff members attends to the children's needs, creating a vibrant and nurturing environment where they can flourish, learn, and develop.

As the children approach their final examinations this month, our teachers have been fully engaged in assisting them with their studies, ensuring they are wellprepared.

Excitement filled the air as the students celebrated Holi on March 24th, a festival known for its vibrant colors and joyous atmosphere. Coincidentally, the same day marked our community's grandest celebration, the Masked Dance of Gods and Goddesses.









BRICK FACTORY SCHOOL + GIRLS HOME

The Kantipur Brick Factory School stands as a beacon of hope, offering children of brick factory workers a brighter future through education. Because of the success of the original school, we have begun the construction of a second school building. This expansion symbolizes our unwavering commitment to fostering hope and opportunity for these children.

Construction on the second building will begin in early April and will consist of one classroom eager to welcome 30 young minds, each brimming with the promise of a brighter future! In addition, we are thrilled to collaborate with the government on the expansion of the road leading to the school; this will enhance accessibility to the school, opening up the possibility for even more kids to earn an education.

All 8 of our girls residing in the girls home are doing well; we are seeing progress in the 4 younger girls especially. We remain dedicated to empowering our 8 girls through education, sports, and community activities.





LOVE DOES HOME

The Love Does Home in India houses 16 children and 4 staff members and is structured with separate residences for boys and girls; this provides a familial atmosphere where all the children feel a sense of belonging. Most of the students at the school are currently pursuing their studies in high school, preuniversity, and college. Just this year, seven children successfully completed undergraduate programs, one obtained a master's degree, and three completed pre-university courses. The children engage in a wide array of activities such as football, swimming, and cricket as well as recreational pursuits like bicycling, camping, and board games. They also enjoy creative endeavors such as cooking, baking, arts and crafts, and watching movies. Whether it's team sports or other activities, the children are engaging in ways that create a sense of camaraderie and joy. Through this holistic approach to care and education, our Love Does Home strives to empower each child there to reach their fullest potential and thrive in both academic and personal endeavors.

UKRAINE & PULAND

LOVE DOES PRIMARY SCHOOL IN POLAND

The recent move to a new facility marks a significant milestone for our educational project as the school is now able to welcome 60 primary students with open arms. The new building is specifically designed to foster creativity, collaboration, and innovation among our children. Over spring break, children participated in swimming, judo, karate, pizza-making workshops, and a grand fashion week. During fashion week, children had the opportunity to transform denim jackets and showcase their designs in a fashion show! We collaborated with Marta, a World Hip-Hop Champion, to teach the kids a choreographed dance that they then got to perform.

LOVE DOES HIGH SCHOOL IN POLAND

Our 34 high school students were selected to participate in a photography project led by one of Poland's most renowned photographers, Rafał Milach. The students were tasked with capturing moments of their daily lives that reflected love, joy, loneliness, or even just beloved individuals. They used disposable cameras to capture these thematic snapshots and then printed the photos and used markers to highlight and describe things that were important to them. The entire exhibition drew significant attention, so much so that the U.S. Ambassador to Poland, who was there in recognition of the anniversary of the outbreak of the war, attended the culmination of this special project. One of our high school students even prepared a speech to narrate the entire exhibition!



IMPACTFUL STORY

Liza's initial days at our school were marked by silence and withdrawal. Her father, a brave soldier, had tragically fallen in battle, and her mother was battling a severe illness, lying in the intensive care unit. During this challenging and lonely time, Liza found solace and support in her boyfriend's mother, who adopted her. During her time at the Love Does School, Liza went from being a shy and reserved girl to engaging with others and radiating warmth and kindness; she blossomed into becoming the heart of our classroom. The teachers shared that Liza's transformation was nothing short of remarkable! On Liza's birthday, the entire class pooled their resources to give her a cake and flowers, a gesture that deeply touched her. Liza's story is a tale of resilience, kindness, and the transformative power of having a strong community of people to lift you up.

SUPPLIES TO UKRAINE

In recent months, 300 care packages were distributed to maternity hospitals through the "Stress-Free Motherhood" project. These packages contained a variety of items essential to new moms and their babies. When bomb alarms go off in Ukraine, mothers must rush their babies to sub-hospital shelters, where they manually administer oxygen, further compromising their fragile health conditions. These packages delivered a sense of encouragement and relief, giving these resilient mothers the strength to persevere through challenging times.





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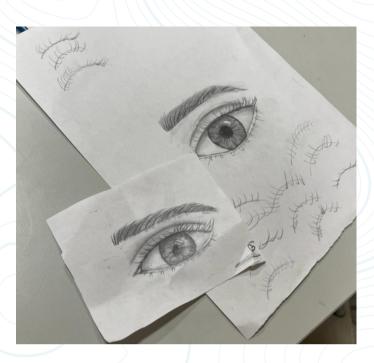
PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Burkina Faso, our Love Does School is situated near the city of Ouagadougou, the capital. Despite challenges, the school has maintained its strong performance this quarter, with a total of 31 students enrolled, including 14 girls and 17 boys. Dedicated teachers and administrators work tirelessly to ensure the satisfaction of both students and parents. We are deeply encouraged by the positive feedback from the community, who regularly express their appreciation for our efforts. Notably, in our secondary school, five students achieved honor certificates, reflecting their exceptional dedication to their studies. Education stands as a powerful force for peace-building, offering a pathway to transformative change in conflict-affected regions such as Burkina Faso. COLU

ISRAEL

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We celebrated the first anniversary of the Love Does After School Program on March 22nd. We are so grateful to have a place where our students feel safe and welcome; being able to witness how this school has become a true home away from home for the kids and their families is so encouraging. Many parents have opened up regarding the challenges their children have faced and how having such a close relationship with the teachers and staff at the school has helped them navigate the many ups and downs. One of the newest endeavors at the school is the introduction of drawing lessons. Knowing that art and drawing are therapeutically beneficial activities for those that have experienced trauma, we are thrilled that five of the girls at the school are eagerly participating in the new class and thoroughly enjoying the program so far. On Valentine's Day, our team hosted a special program for the kids, focusing on the themes of acceptance and love. The atmosphere was filled with happiness and encouragement as the children engaged in crafts and activities. We continue to be inspired by the progress these kids are making and the resilience they show on a daily basis.









ISRAEL

IMPACTFUL STORY

"We're attuned to the emotions of our students: whether they're happy, sad, or facing family issues, we're there to lend an ear, offer support, and provide guidance." (Samar, Country Director, Israel). Samar recently shared a story that beautifully illustrates this. She noticed one of the young boys feeling down, so she reached out to offer comfort. As he opened up about missing his grandmother, Samar shared her own experience of loss. By expressing understanding and showing empathy, Samar was able to build a bond of trust between them. Through this sentimental exchange, the young boy experienced relief and discovered a renewed sense of connection to the school. It's moments like these that showcase the profound impact we have on these students' lives.







WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

It has been a vibrant and productive three months at our Women's Resource Center! Thirty women received gynecology services, granting crucial medical attention to a group that would otherwise not have access to such services. In addition, many of our women successfully completed two courses in Facials and Waxing. We celebrated these achievements at a heartfelt graduation ceremony. Another seminar offered three insightful talks on topics ranging from self-esteem to menopause; hearing from notable and respectable voices on these subjects provides invaluable wisdom and guidance for these women. Our on-site psychologist reported that she currently conducts an average of 12 counseling sessions each week; demand has grown to the point where a booking system has been implemented to ensure accessibility. On a celebratory note, our team hosted a Valentine's Day Party; events such as these bring great joy to this group and provide a much-needed sense of community and connection.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS

We began offering English classes in the community of Cangrejo and the response was fantastic as 42 students signed up right away! We're now operating 15 English classes across six different communities in the area. As we continue in this positive direction, we remain committed to providing quality education and meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

DOMINCAN REPUBLIC

PRESCHOOLS

After the Christmas break, our teachers noticed a concerning trend of increased undisciplined behavior among the children at the preschool. In response, our team addressed this issue by organizing conferences for the parents. These sessions were facilitated by an organization specializing in motivating parents to become more engaged in their children's education. On average, 15 mothers attended these workshops and the response was overwhelmingly positive. By fostering a strong partnership between parents and educators, we believe we can create a nurturing environment where children can thrive both academically and socially.

IMPACTFUL STORY

A 26-year-old woman shared her story of growing up in an abusive family and later finding herself in an abusive relationship. She initially believed that such behavior was normal; however, through counseling she came to realize that violence is not acceptable. In wanting to become independent and gain confidence, she enrolled in the Hair Extensions course at the Center. Since then, her husband, who also has a history of abuse, decided to begin counseling. The ripple effect of this young woman's commitment to creating a better life extends beyond herself and underscores the profound impact our Resource Center can have on individuals and their families to break the cycle of violence and foster healing and growth.









LOVE DOES SCHOOL

The Love Does School in Mexico soft launched on April 3rd with 180 registered students. We are looking forward to the official grand opening of the school in May where up to 400 kids aged 6-16 will ultimately attend the school. This refugee camp, which is the largest in all of Mexico, houses over 1,500 families coming from Haiti, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and various parts of Central and South America.

Our team has conducted multiple site visits to the camp in preparation for opening of the primary and secondary school. In addition to basic subjects, the children will also have art classes, a computer lab and a library on site. Our staff includes a headmaster, camp coordinator, four teachers, an administrative assistant, a psychologist, and a teacher's aid coordinator. We've also hired refugee men at the camp, who have previous construction experience, to lead the repairs at the school. They have completed the painting of the first four classrooms, installed window guards, put in new classroom doors and repaired all the bathrooms.

There has been a sense of excitement and anticipation at the asylum camp these past few months as the kids and their families have watched the school come together. These families know that giving their kids access to education is crucial to creating a better life and future. In addition, going to school on a daily basis fosters friendships, cultivates peace, and gives the kids and their families hope amidst their challenging circumstances.

LOVE DOES HOME

The Love Does Home has officially been housing young, single moms with babies for ONE year! In January, we welcomed our newest mom and her adorable daughter to the home. This mom is currently attending a local college and her daughter is enrolled in the child development center on campus. We're pleased to see more colleges recognizing the importance of supporting young parents by offering childcare services. Access to affordable childcare is crucial for parents, and initiatives like these make a significant difference in their lives.

These past few months, we've had the privilege to collaborate with Kindred Bravely, a clothing company that shares our commitment to supporting young moms. Our team recently visited their warehouse and was impressed by their wonderful selection of clothes for moms. Now, as a result of their overwhelming generosity, we have many of Kindred Bravely's clothes stocked in the Love Does Boutique, where single moms in the area are able to shop each week. Additionally, thanks to the generosity of the Small Potatoes Foundation, we have been able to provide homemade meals to our mom friends, leaving them feeling cared for and supported.









FOOD PROGRAM

In San Diego, our Mobile Food Pantry plays a vital role in supporting various communities, including the Monarch School, Urban Life, Love Does Boutique, and the Tizon Senior Home. Throughout this quarter, we've distributed over 450 bags of groceries to the Monarch School and 50 bags to the Love Does Home Boutique. Additionally, we've restocked the food pantry at the Tizon Senior Home 10 times, ensuring approximately 500 seniors have access to essential food supplies.

Recently, we hosted the annual Monarch School Family Luncheon, in collaboration with Chick-fil-A, to provide 350 meals to families in the after-school program for local homeless families. This shared meal not only brought joy but also fostered a sense of community among the children, who often miss out on such experiences. It's incredible how something as seemingly ordinary as a meal can have such a profound impact on the lives of these children, reminding us of the power of small gestures in creating moments of joy and connection.

LIFELINE

A Lifeline food event was held in San Diego where 50,000 meals were packed for our partnership in Somalia. It was so incredible to gather with others in the San Diego area to continue to fight the persistent issue of food insecurity. These meals will ensure that students and their families have access to nourishing food.

SAN QUENTIN

At San Quentin, the oldest prison in California and the only facility with a death row, 3,000 individuals are incarcerated. This quarter, we launched a new Dream Big program for 2024, with 50 of the incarcerated signed up! We also introduced the Dream Tank this quarter, a program offering financial support to a select few to help them pursue their dreams.

We awarded another four scholarships for the San Quentin Educational Scholarship Program. In a gathering with the beneficiaries of the Love Does Education Scholarships at San Quentin, we witnessed firsthand the transformative effect of the scholarships' impact on the incarcerated community. The opportunity to earn a bachelor's or master's degree can reduce one's sentence by six months, which has a profound impact. We are actively championing and laying the groundwork for these men to pursue an education to prepare them upon one day reintegrating into society. It is so inspiring to hear their stories of how they are accomplishing their dream through pursuing education.









REFUGEE SUPPORT AND RESETTLEMENT

During this quarter, we engaged with our refugee community in a variety of ways:

- We held the Love Does Oasis event as a way to bring together the Ukrainian refugee community; there were over 80 local refugees in attendance.
- We sent each of our Afghan friends a gift in honor of Ramadan.
- We aided an Afghan woman in coordinating her behind-the-wheel driver's lessons.
- We celebrated with an Afghan boy as he obtained his driver's license. This is a big milestone as it will help alleviate transportation stress and enable him to better support his family.
- We witnessed the reunification of an Afghan refugee family that had been separated for two years. Our team met a young lady two years ago who had fled from Afghanistan; since then, we've been working diligently to reunite her with her family here. Just two weeks ago, the young woman's family successfully made it to the United States! This was a beautiful and heartwarming reunion to witness, especially considering the dangerous and unstable circumstances they've had to navigate the past few years.
- Our collaboration with a local consignment store has allowed us to quickly and easily relocate several refugee families in the last few months.

LOVE DOES IN ACTION CLUBS

We launched our Love Does in Action Clubs this quarter! These clubs are designed to provide college students with a platform to collaborate with Love Does and identify ways to enact our organization's mission on their respective campuses. The essence of these clubs lies in answering the question: "If you received a small grant, how would you use that to impact your community?" Our aim with this initiative is to inspire college students nationwide to engage in meaningful service that brings positive change both locally and globally. College students interested in learning more or starting a Love Does in Action Club on their campus can reach out to riley@lovedoes.org.

YWAM

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide stability and hope to underserved communities, we participated in the annual YWAM/Homes of Hope house build in March. In conjunction with the launch of the LDIA clubs, our Love Does staff joined together with the leaders of the inaugural college clubs to construct a home for a family in need in Tijuana, Mexico, just 30 minutes south of our San Diego office. Working alongside Love Does donors, LDIA college students and the local family in need, we completed the home build in just two days. This endeavor not only addresses the family's immediate need for housing but also contributes to the family's economic, educational, health, and spiritual well-being.









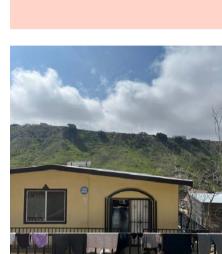
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