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"But extravagant love often means coloring outside the lines and going beyond the norms."

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Bob Goff

FOUNDER OF LOVE DOES

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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**

Development plans continue to unfold for our first-ever university project! The time, logistics, and coordination involved in building a university is significant and, at the same time, empowering and exciting. Educational professionals are working diligently to create the curriculum, policy, and governance documents with modern, scientifically-based, and contextually relevant programs for prospective students. We are pursuing degrees in Bachelors of Social Work and Social Administration, Business Administration, Computer Science, Education, and Environmental Science! As we continue in our efforts, the goal remains to welcome the inaugural class of students in 2026.

We are so excited to have giraffes near our campus and are moving forward with plans to make this happen! We have applied for a license with the Uganda Wildlife Authority and are establishing connections with the Nairobi Giraffe Sanctuary to ensure the best care practices for our new friends.







#### **RESTORE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The Restore Leadership Academy continues to thrive as our students are actively learning new skills, embracing the world around them, and excelling in both academics and sports. We proudly serve a diverse student body of 1,435 students; of those, 160 are in Kindergarten, 520 in Primary School, and 755 in Secondary School.

We are currently working towards creating a Primary Dormitory for the Academy. We broke ground this quarter! The foundation has been laid and the walls of the dormitories are rapidly rising. The impact of this dormitory will be monumental in enhancing the students' educational experience while also offering them a safe and nurturing environment to focus on their studies.

#### WHAT IS POSSIBLE

A group of students from Pepperdine University came to the Restore Secondary School and conducted small group discussions with the advanced level students about career possibilities and future academic prospects. The students were especially grateful for their words of inspiration and encouragement.



#### **JUSTICE PROGRAM**

The Justice Program extends to both the men's and women's sections of the prison. Within the Justice Program is the Boda Mechanics program which has reached a record high of 24 women participants! We are incredibly excited about this milestone and look forward to seeing even more women empowered through this initiative. In the men's education program, 168 are enrolled in primary education and 56 in secondary education, while 64 women are participating in the primary education program.

#### **HOPE SMILES**

We were thrilled to welcome a team of eight dentists from Hope Smiles for a dental camp in April. Over 500 students and staff at Restore Leadership Academy were able to benefit from the services offered including oral health education, teeth filling and teeth cleaning.

With compassion and expertise, the team from Hope Smiles administered 213 basic cleanings, 44 quadrants of deep cleaning, 176 restorations, 214 extractions and 3 root canals! In a region where dental care is limited and often expensive, the work of Hope Smiles empowered individuals to prioritize their dental well being and thereby give them hope for a healthier, happier future.







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# UGANDA

#### **SAFE HOUSES**

The women in our two safe houses were able to move into one large structure this quarter, where they now all live together. To celebrate the new home, our country directors, Lavy and Godfrey, welcomed everyone with chicken, pizza, and cake. Celebrations were held for the girls born from January to April with a birthday party. This brought happiness and joy to all the girls and exemplified the love and care within the community.

The girls stay busy with a variety of activities, including taekwondo, team building, baking, music, and dance. Since May was Mental Health Awareness Month, we focused on raising awareness through various activities such as hosting a dedicated awareness day and facilitating individual and group sessions.

#### **RESETTLEMENT AND BOARDING PROGRAM**

The Resettlement and Boarding program aims to inspire youths to set personal goals, fostering resilience and self-motivation. Activities include fellowship, school and home visits, counseling and graduation! This quarter, the program focused their discussions on morality, self-love, purpose, goalsetting, and resilience. Career guidance sessions helped students make informed choices about university life, covering topics like course selection, leadership, academics, and a work-life balance. Nimusiima Sarah, pursuing a Fashion and Design certificate at Youth Corps Learning Centre, graduated after a two-year journey, making the team proud and excited for her future.





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The Girls' Leadership Academy in Mogadishu has grown, with 186 girls making excellent progress in literacy and numeracy. An after-school tutoring program was formed to help students struggling with new material. It has been successful, helping them improve their academic performance. The mentorship program is also thriving, with girls forming strong bonds with their mentors. Monthly meetings offer open dialogue and personal growth, helping the girls explore their strengths and interests. Guest speaker sessions and workshops on public speaking, teamwork, and collaboration have been popular, inspiring confidence and breaking down barriers.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

We began our first progress assessment of the middle school, evaluating each of the 125 students using standardized tools. This assessment will provide insights into the program's effectiveness, allowing the school to tailor its approach to each student's needs. Amid political challenges, we introduced civic education into the core curriculum to equip students with knowledge and skills for active participation in society. This curriculum aims to help students understand their roles and responsibilities, develop critical thinking skills, and engage in respectful discourse. The initiative will empower students to make informed decisions and contribute positively to their communities, crucial in Somalia where children are at risk of recruitment into extremist groups.

## SOMALIA

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MOGADISHU**

In June, we held a soft launch of the primary school for local education officials, community members, and stakeholders. The event introduced the final curriculum, which was developed by experienced educators to align with national standards while incorporating interactive learning methods. The curriculum emphasizes a love of learning through play, storytelling, and handson activities. To ensure program effectiveness, we provided teachers with a 3month specialized training course. This training covered the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of primary school children and included strategies for integrating Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into the daily curriculum. Teachers learned methods for encouraging self-regulation, conflict resolution, and positive social interactions.

#### **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

During this period, we organized beautician training for new students. Last year, 15 students from low-income families were trained, leading to the launch of a salon as a social enterprise to support the Girls' Leadership Academy. This year's training was successful, graduating 20 students with practical skills and confidence to join the workforce. We plan to expand by developing beauty products with locally sourced ingredients, empowering local farmers and creating a unique brand identity. These initiatives position us as a leader in community engagement and women's empowerment, reflecting our core values.



# CONGO

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

This May marked two years since the Nyiragongo volcanic eruption. Our country directors, Cassandra and Edison, visited the site on the day of the anniversary, reflecting on the devastation as they tread across the volcanic rock. They engaged in conversations with individuals there who saw the school buried under hot lava when only some of the roof was visible. Their site visit proved to be an opportunity for the locals to share their stories of resilience and also to celebrate the strength of our students. What an emotional two years it has been!

Since then, our school has continued to thrive and is doing incredible as we now educate a total of 248 primary school students and 37 kindergarten students. This last quarter concluded the academic school calendar and in June, our students completed their exams. Thankfully our school exists in an area not directly affected by the M23 conflict, though staff and students remain emotionally impacted. Despite the challenges, our community's resilience and dedication have led to remarkable achievements, and we look forward to continuing this journey of growth and success together.







# AFGHANISTAN

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We completed an exciting construction project this quarter - we provided our kids with their first-ever playground! The playground has extensive equipment, including swings, slides, pull-up bars and chess boards. The playground has had a significant impact on the students; teachers report higher levels of enthusiasm to attend school and a higher motivation to complete classwork promptly and efficiently - all so the students can run outside to enjoy the playground!

Our student body grew in the last quarter with the addition of a first grade class; this added 20 new boys and girls and increased the total number of students at the school to 135. Currently, all students are preparing for their mid-year exams. While some are nervous and others feel prepared, teachers are confident that everyone will perform very well!

The school distributed new uniforms and shoes to all students, both new and returning, and also delivered food packages to all the students and their families. These distributions help keep our students focused on their studies by alleviating the pressure to have them engage in child labor to support their households.

#### FROM ART TO AUTHOR

Yalda was 8 years old when she joined the school and she excelled in every class. Upon first enrolling, she quickly learned the alphabet and progressed to writing full sentences. Once she learned to use a pencil, she began sketching eyes, eyebrows, faces, and even complete portraits. The school's creation of an Arts and Literature Hut further encouraged Yalda in her creative endeavors and provided a space for her to develop her drawing skills. Eventually, Yalda's artwork adorned the walls of the school, which served as an inspiration to her classmates and friends.

Yalda is now 13 years old and fights fiercely to remain in class. Last year, Yalda's brother fell ill and her father, an Afghan solider who had to leave home in 2021, became restless to see his son. He managed to cross the border into Afghanistan and arrive in his hometown. Tragically, only minutes away from home, he was shot six times by unknown men and lost his life.

Amidst this tragedy and devastating loss, Yalda continues to attend her classes, finding comfort in the school's nurturing environment and the company of her classmates. Though she speaks very little, she continues to escape into her drawing and has even recently developed a new passion for writing. Yalda believes she will be an author in the future; we believe she already is one.



#### LOVE DOES HARISIDDHI AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our after-school program continues to serve approximately 50 kids and is supported by 5 dedicated staff members. The end of the academic school year brought mixed emotions as we joyfully welcomed new kids but found it hard to say goodbye to the older ones. The weather posed some challenges this quarter, with temperatures reaching up to 95 degrees Fahrenheit! While the dry air inside the building made it uncomfortable, our team managed well by sending the kids who finished their homework outside to play, allowing for better airflow. Thankfully, everyone is doing well; in fact, all the children performed well in their finals!

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

Our Brick Factory School operates for 9 months annually, providing education to children whose parents are employed at the factory. Without this school, these students would not have access to education. Our school year ended in June with over 40 students and 2 teachers. To kick off the term, all the students enjoyed an exciting visit to the National Zoo; this marked the first field trip for students! The trip was filled with lots of fun and excitement. We are proud to announce that two of our students, Asha Parki and Ashika Tamang, passed 11th grade with excellent scores, each ranking 3rd in their respective classes—Ashika in Commerce and Asha in Science. Their achievements reflect the hard work and dedication of both students and staff, setting a positive tone for the school year as a whole.











#### LOVE DOES HOME + AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This quarter, we celebrated the completion of another successful academic school year for the girls and boys in our safe home. Two students passed their 10th grade board exams, three students passed their 12th grade exams with first-class honors, and many others were successfully promoted to the next grade. We are so proud of their hard work!

Three of our students - Thuimathing, Sorormi, and Ningtong - are also very talented soccer players and were selected to attend a prestigious soccer academy. This incredible opportunity provides them with the resources, training, and support they need to excel in their sport and pursue their dreams of becoming professional soccer players.

The staff at our Love Does Home works hard to create opportunities where the boys and girls can work and play together. They find joy in baking pastries and cakes and relish the memories they make when creating something special together. The girls have discovered a love for knitting, crocheting, painting, and drawing. This quarter they held a celebration at their community church where there was a dynamic and jubilant performance of singing and dancing. Such events bring a much-needed element of joy and unity!

# UKRAINE & POLAND

#### LOVE DOES SCHOOL IN POLAND

In March, the Love Does School moved from the Refugee Center to a standalone building, now featuring five individual classrooms. This significant upgrade allowed each class its own dedicated space and enabled us to hire five new teachers, expanding our teaching staff to 21. A major highlight was Children's Day! This day was celebrated with a new recreational area in the hallway—an obstacle course with slides and a ball pit for children to enjoy during breaks!

June marked the end of the school year, celebrated with two large graduation ceremonies and mini-festivals. These events were filled with emotions, from joyful tears during certificate presentations to moving stories shared by students about how their lives have changed by being in Poland and attending our school. The Business Plan Program for 16-18-year-olds concluded, preparing students for their future with resumes, cover letters, and personality tests to identify their talents. A farewell trip for our 11th-grade class to a forest resort was organized where they enjoyed a kayaking trip, outdoor games, and a first aid course adapted to the ongoing war.

Generous donors and our team from San Diego visited in June to celebrate graduations for both primary and secondary schools. They also participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for our school's new long-term location! We also visited maternity and hospital wards in Ukraine to distribute humanitarian aid and support a soccer camp for Ukrainian refugee orphans.









#### **CONVOYS TO UKRAINE**

In the past three months, we have distributed 4800 canned meats, 380 hygiene packages, 1090 ready meals, 140 maternity kits to maternity wards, 50 cesarean section sets, and bulk quantities of food to two hospitals in Ternopil, western Ukraine. Our team aided towns and villages near the front line in Sumy, Kharkiv, and Donetsk regions. Despite ongoing bombings, children in Potyvil lined up for aid, bringing flowers and hugs. In Donetsk, we served 700 portions of goulash for the community with help from military chaplains.

We assisted two maternity hospitals in Dubno and Lutsk due to an increase in high-risk pregnancies. The Lutsk hospital is one of the largest in the region, supporting many displaced pregnant women traveling for safer deliveries. The Regional Clinical Hospital has been admitting wounded patients from eastern Ukraine since the war began. The hospital, which had depleted its supplies, now relies on external support to feed and equip patients. Hygiene packages are given to evacuees, including essentials like toothpaste, razors, and shower gel. The Ternopil Maternity Hospital is overwhelmed, particularly its neonatal intensive care unit, due to the stress of the war causing premature births. During our visit, they were caring for a critically premature baby weighing just 1 pound.

The past three months have been incredibly intense. The needs in Ukraine are only growing. With heavy attacks even in major cities, we receive countless requests for humanitarian aid every day. Beyond distributing aid, we focus on building relationships, listening to stories, and giving victims the voice they deserve.

#### **A CALL FROM THE FRONTLINE**

In Białopole, we provided aid and ready-made meals to residents without electricity. During the evening prayer in Białopole, one of the women received a phone call from her son, who was fighting at the frontline. "Mom, we don't even shoot, there is no one shooting at us. They just keep dropping bombs on us. In one day, 57 of our boys died and 150 were injured. Mom, there were 300 of us here in total. I'm afraid how many of us will survive another day. I'm not sure if I'm going to be lucky enough to call you tomorrow." Our visits to Ukraine expose the true faces of war: lost children and lonely elders, but also resilience and hope as communities come together in solidarity and support.

#### **FINDING JOY AMIDST TRAGEDY**

Recently, the Love Does School went on a trip to Ciechanów to visit the Amusement and Trampoline park. Matvii, a new student from Ukraine, arrived with his grandmother just a week before this trip and felt a bit uneasy because he didn't know anyone. At first, he was very closed off and would only respond with "yes" or "no." Here is what Matvii said:

"For the first time since coming to Poland, I was truly happy. At the amusement park, I ran from one obstacle to another, trying very hard to get through all of them. After the trip, my grandmother thanked the teachers with tears in her eyes. She said that I came back as a different child. I've regained my passion for learning and life. Now, I'm the best in my Polish class because I want to understand my new friends."





### BURKINA FASO France Faso

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This quarter brought the conclusion of another school year. The students performed speeches and dances for their parents and showcased their skills in drawing and music. Prizes were awarded to encourage the students, with one girl, who achieved the best grades in the school, winning a bike. It was a fun and memorable way to celebrate her hard work and success. All students passed with flying colors, with each one receiving an honor certificate and advancing to the next grade level. Our dedicated staff includes 14 teachers, 5 support staff members, and 4 additional aides.

Recruitment is underway for the next school year. The enthusiasm of our current students as well as the support of the community has attracted many who want to join. The parents and the community recognize the quality of education we provide and are aware of our supportive learning environment, dedicated staff, and the positive development of the children.



### ISRAEL Israel

#### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

This past quarter was the final semester of the school year. Despite the ongoing war and its growing intensity, we focused on working more one-on-one with the children, aiming to address their individual gaps and differences. We observed noticeable improvements in their achievements as a result of this approach. A significant change we noted among the kids was their growing acceptance of each other. More than ever before, they made the effort to form a cohesive team and develop real friendships.

The school facilities have improved to accommodate the extreme spring weather of very rainy days coupled with extremely hot days. To address this, we upgraded the school with a waterproof sunshade cover for the small yard, providing both shade from the heat and protection from heavy rain as the kids move around the school. We also installed air conditioning in three classrooms, the entrance to the school and the office. The school has truly become a home and shelter during these challenging times!





#### **PARENTS' GRATITUDE**

The families continue to share their gratitude and praise for the school and all that it provides for their children. Here are some messages from the parents of students in our after school program:

- "We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the scientific, psychological, and social support you have provided to our children. You have been and will continue to be the warm home that has embraced and supported our students. May you continue with this love and giving. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer vacation."
- "I give you a thousand thousand thanks for your efforts with our children. Thank you! Also, to the teachers, thank you very much. You have favored us with your efforts in our children's academic achievement and education. Thank you, and to you, my sincere thanks and gratitude."
- "Thank you for your love and humility with our children. We love you very much. May God give you health and peace of mind."





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

Throughout this quarter, we've offered a variety of courses to the women including hair styling, skincare, and all levels of English. There have been informative and educational sessions on topics like depression, domestic violence, menopause, and cancer prevention. Our psychology sessions have been particularly well-attended, with three to four women participating daily. As we transition into summer, we're excited to be launching courses in computer science, entrepreneurship and finance. For the finance course alone, we already have 50 women enrolled! Providing education around all these topics arms these women with the necessary knowledge to ensure that they are able to navigate the world safely and successfully.

#### LOVE DOES CAFÉ GOZO

Love Does Café Gozo is up and running! Many joined for the grand opening to try our amazing English muffin sandwiches. Women from the Resource Center and the community work at the cafe in hopes that one day it will subsidize our programs at the center. We see the cafe as a way to teach the women in the community new skills as well as bring continued job opportunities. We are so excited to see the Love Does Café Gozo become a hub of community engagement and culinary delight.

#### PRESCHOOLS

We have officially completed the first year of our Love Does Preschool! We marked this milestone with celebratory graduation parties across our communities. We are so proud of the parents of our preschoolers who have willingly participated in conferences and been very engaged with the teachers; this has helped significantly to enhance the overall classroom experience for everyone. We are also continuing to invest in our teachers and their educational development. They all had the opportunity to attend a conference in Puerto Plata this quarter which proved to be very beneficial.

#### **ENGLISH SCHOOLS**

Our 15 English classes are spread across six different communities in the region. Last quarter we began offering English classes in the Cangrejo community and now we have over 80 students enrolled! We concluded this quarter with English class grade promotions. We were thrilled to celebrate the students who have made significant progress throughout the year.











#### LOVE DOES SCHOOL

In May, we held the grand opening celebration of our newest Love Does school! The celebration included a program honoring the countries represented at the refugee camp; several students from the school conducted a flag ceremony and the national anthems were sung. All the students participated in a performance of several choreographed dances; the smiles on the kids faces were abundant! Multiple officials from the government also attended the grand opening as a way to acknowledge the significance of this school and what it means for the hope and future of the kids and families at the refugee camp. In true Love Does fashion, the program and formal ceremony concluded with a "joy festival," complete with face and hand painting, a bounce house and, of course, balloons!

The school is providing primary and secondary education to just over 200 kids, ages 6-16. We are so proud of our Love Does team; they have worked tirelessly to get the school up and running and ensure that the students feel loved and supported. Having an element of structure for the kids brings a sense of order; in addition, the parents are so grateful for this educational opportunity being offered to their children - one that many of them never had.

# UNITED STATES

#### LOVE DOES HOME

The Love Does Home and single mom outreach program hosted its 2nd annual Mother's Day celebration! Our dear friends from the Small Potatoes Foundation provided nacho fixings for moms from all over San Diego. One of our volunteers shared her skills as a photographer and took professional pictures of the moms with their kiddos. This has been such a great way to celebrate these hard-working young moms and let them know how much we value them.

We are entering a season of transition as we get ready to launch our first mom from the Love Does Home program! We've gone through so much together and it's definitely bittersweet but we are so excited and hopeful for her and all that awaits in the next chapter.

We are so grateful for all our sponsors: Kindered Bravely, Small Potatoes Foundation, Sun Bum, Rylee + Cru, and the San Diego Food Bank. Canary Marketing and Daily Drills both donated boxes of new clothes to the Love Does Boutique and these items were enthusiastically received and cherished by the mothers who visited the shop. These companies' generosity not only provided essential items to the moms of our community but also brought joy and appreciation, demonstrating the heartfelt impact of their contributions.







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**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** 

# UNITED STATES

#### **FOOD PROGRAM**

The Love Does Food Program remains committed to supporting diverse groups in need across our community. This quarter, we provided essential groceries to several organizations. The Monarch School received 600 bags of groceries and Urban Life received 420 bags. At Tizon Senior Home, we continued our weekly restocking of the food pantry, ensuring 40 residents received essential supplies each week. We also served 40 young single mothers at the Love Does Home & Boutique with grocery bags and home-cooked meals. Our support extended as well to Haitian refugees as we supplied them with weekly food provisions and donations of diapers. As we continue our commitment to helping those facing hardship in our local community, we are also grateful for the relationships that have formed from these partnerships and the blessing and inspiration we receive from those that we serve.

#### **PRISON PROGRAM**

During our quarterly visits to San Quentin, we gathered educational scholarship applications and distributed Dream Tank applications for individuals to apply for funding towards their chosen dreams. Our former Dream Big leader paroled over a year ago returned, for the first time to San Quentin to encourage our new class. He gave hope to what is possible even when we experience setbacks. This day was full of reminders of the power of second chances and the freedom that comes with access to education.





#### **RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM**

In fall of 2023, Love Does connected with Beranice, a mother of two who was faced with homelessness. Beranice began volunteering with the Love Does Mobile Food Pantry at the Monarch School in San Diego, bagging groceries weekly for other families struggling with homelessness. As a result, a friendship was quickly formed between Beranice and the Love Does team.

For several months, Beranice and her children lived in their car while waiting for housing. Her son's epilepsy made this particularly challenging. In the spring of 2024, Beranice received an apartment in San Diego through a local housing program. At this point, Love Does stepped in; we covered her first month's rent and deposit and furnished her entire apartment. In addition, we provided a kitchen table, kitchen and dining supplies, a couch, a coffee table, rugs, three beds, bathroom supplies, and dressers. The highlight of this experience was seeing Beranice's reaction to her new home and furnishings. Our team celebrated with a housewarming party where she served homemade tacos on her new dishware! Beranice shared that this was the first time her and her children were able to each sleep in their own bed.

#### LOVE DOES IN ACTION CLUBS

We have 12 colleges that will be launching the Love Does in Action Clubs across their campuses in the fall and we are so excited! Last quarter we began our LDIAC designed to provide college students with a platform 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?" College students interested in learning more or starting a club on their campus can reach out to riley@lovedoes.org.





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