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**“DON'T LET WHAT
YOU'RE AFRAID OF
KEEP YOU FROM WHAT
YOU WERE MADE FOR.”**

Bob Goff

FOUNDER OF LOVE DOES





OUR PURPOSE

Our Purpose

We fight for human rights, care for the vulnerable, and provide education in conflict zones. Our goal is to transform lives with lasting love. With your help to make it possible, we have various programs in Uganda, Somalia, Congo, Afghanistan, Nepal, India, Ukraine, Poland, Burkina Faso, Israel, the Dominican Republic, and the United States. By seeking out the needs of people and expanding and growing based on those needs, we hope to make a lasting impact both internationally and domestically.



OUR STRATEGY

Our Strategy

In our work in conflict zones and developing countries, we begin by working with locals, who know the most about the true needs in their communities; we then work with leaders who can help guide and assist us in implementing the most effective programs. Our goal is to find out the best way to help, and then we take action. We believe this method assures the best value not only for those benefiting from the programs, but also the donors supplying the funds. We are committed to this wholeheartedly.



Leaders in the making

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.



UGANDA



RESTORE UNIVERSITY

We're busy working with a talented local architectural and engineering firm to finalize the design for Phase 1 of construction for our new university! This phase is crucial as it prepares us for the first 500 students who will enroll at the university. The design work is progressing well and still we're aiming to break ground in 2025. We're also excited about our new contacts at the National Council for Higher Education, who have been incredibly supportive of our mission. With their help, we're hopeful to receive our Letter of Interim Authority, allowing us to begin building the university as we wait to admit students.

One of the most exciting developments is that a recently closed university chose us to donate a majority of their library to Restore University valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. We're thrilled to stock our library with books that will help shape the minds and hearts of our students, creating a space where learning and inspiration can thrive. We are so grateful.



RESTORE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Our students at Restore Leadership Academy are proving that when you invest in kids, they rise to the occasion. The primary school ranked second best in the Amuru District for the Primary Leaving Exams. The secondary school made it into the top 100 schools in Uganda, ranking 88th in the nation and first in the Amuru District. In the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education, our school as a whole ranked 44th in the country and again secured the top position in the Amuru District. We are so proud of our students and staff for their incredible accomplishments!

Beyond academics, Restore Leadership Academy has been thriving in sports. This year, the school dominated in football and basketball, securing 4 championship trophies in district competitions. Seeing students excel both in and out of the classroom is a reminder that education is more than just books, it's about confidence, teamwork, and creating opportunities that extend far beyond school walls.

At our nursery school, 153 little ones are stepping into a world of learning, curiosity, and wonder. Our primary school is alive with the energy of 627 students, and our secondary school has 800 students, each with their own dreams and determination! Reaching even greater heights are 30 incredible students who are pursuing higher education as part of our Launch Program! We are so excited to see these students achieve great things and continue to take advantage of the amazing opportunities before them.





PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DORMITORY EXPANSION

Thanks to 40 generous donors we hit our goal! We launched our “Get Heads in Beds” campaign to provide bunk beds for our primary dormitory expansion. We secured 80 brand-new bunk beds, giving more students a place on our campus to call home. We’re building, growing, and making more room for students to dream big at the Restore Leadership Academy. The Primary Dormitory Expansion is almost complete, and the secondary dorm expansion will be complete at the end of this year. More space means more students getting an education and a safe place to rest their heads. And for the first time, our primary school is fully sustainable which ensures it will operate for generations.



PRISON PROGRAMS

At the Gulu Men’s Prison, we’ve witnessed something extraordinary this year: our prison education program hit its highest enrollment yet, with 289 male students signing up to continue their education. That’s 289 men choosing hope over despair, possibility over limitation. Love Does provides free primary and secondary education to both men and women in the Gulu Main Prison, and every lesson taught is a reminder that second chances are real and transformation is possible. The prison daycare cares for 15 children, while the boda mechanics class at the women’s prison provides training for 20 women. In the prison education program, 217 men are enrolled in primary school, 72 men are in secondary school, and 45 women are attending primary school.



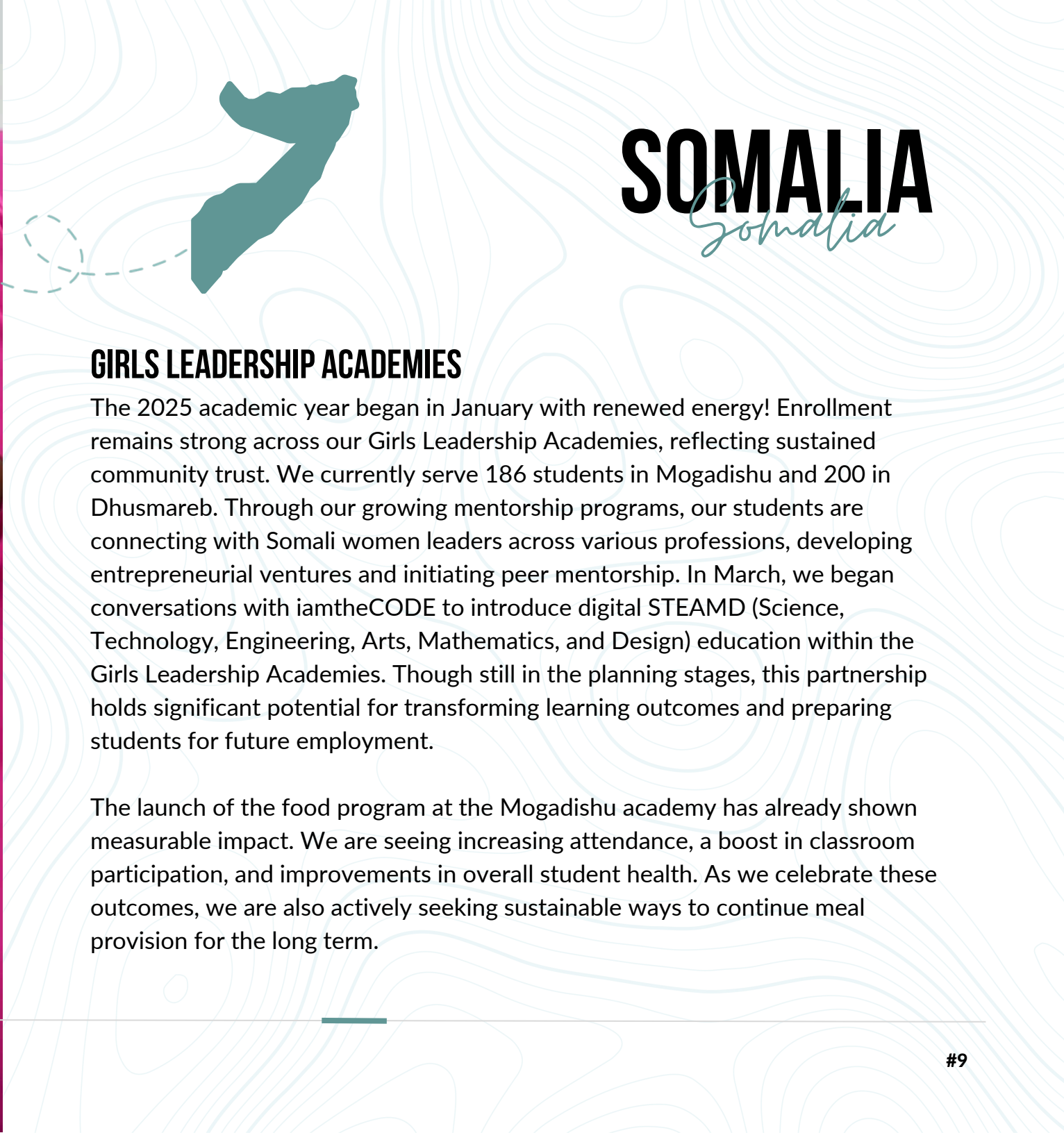
SAFE HOUSE

The first quarter of 2025 has been filled with progress, resilience, and transformation. Despite challenges, we've seen the fruits of our efforts in the lives of the girls we serve and the strength of our growing team. We welcomed three new girls into the shelter, all survivors of sexual violence whose justice is being pursued. This quarter, we saw remarkable moments of leadership and recognition. Our girls were chosen by their school to perform at the deputy head teacher's graduation ceremony. This was such an honor! In addition, two of our girls are running for leadership positions at their school! We began a local chicken project aimed at teaching the girls about entrepreneurship, with the goal of providing a nutritious food source. What started with three birds has grown into something much larger! We hope to utilize this project to supply fresh chicken to many other homes at affordable prices.

REUNIFICATION AND BOARDING PROGRAM

Three new girls joined our Love Does Safe House, bringing the total to 28. All our students successfully transitioned into new academic levels, including Senior One and Senior Five. A major milestone was when one of the girls completed her Primary Leaving Examination with a division 2 score. What an amazing achievement! Several other students participated in mentorship sessions on mindset transformation and goal setting. These learning opportunities will serve them well as they continue their journey. The group of girls and the staff continue to enjoy weekly fellowships and prayer meetings which provide much needed support. In addition, our staff completed child protection training, reinforcing our commitment to a safe and supportive environment for all.





SOMALIA

Somalia

GIRLS LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES

The 2025 academic year began in January with renewed energy! Enrollment remains strong across our Girls Leadership Academies, reflecting sustained community trust. We currently serve 186 students in Mogadishu and 200 in Dhusmareb. Through our growing mentorship programs, our students are connecting with Somali women leaders across various professions, developing entrepreneurial ventures and initiating peer mentorship. In March, we began conversations with iamtheCODE to introduce digital STEAMD (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, and Design) education within the Girls Leadership Academies. Though still in the planning stages, this partnership holds significant potential for transforming learning outcomes and preparing students for future employment.

The launch of the food program at the Mogadishu academy has already shown measurable impact. We are seeing increasing attendance, a boost in classroom participation, and improvements in overall student health. As we celebrate these outcomes, we are also actively seeking sustainable ways to continue meal provision for the long term.

KHADRA'S WORK TO HEAL AND EMPOWER

In the vibrant corridors of the Girls Leadership Academy and the safe spaces of the Love Does community programs, Khadra shows strength and empathy. As a counselor, she supports survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), former child soldiers, and vulnerable adolescents. Khadra leads workshops focused on mental health, trauma healing, and resilience, helping girls grow in confidence, leadership, and self-worth. Her impact is clear as we see improved student retention, academic performance, and emotional well-being as a result of her counsel. Beyond the classroom, Khadra actively leads community dialogues on SGBV and harmful practices like female genital mutilation. Her advocacy has been especially impactful in survivor-led discussions fostering legislative change and cultural shifts. Reflecting on her role, Khadra shares:

“MY ROLE IS NOT MERELY TO COUNSEL, BUT TO EMPOWER EACH GIRL TO RECOGNIZE HER STRENGTH, RECLAIM HER VOICE, AND SHAPE HER OWN FUTURE. THEIR COURAGE AND RESILIENCE CONTINUALLY INSPIRE ME, AND IT IS AN HONOR TO SUPPORT THEM THROUGH THIS JOURNEY.”

Khadra

COUNSELOR AT THE GIRLS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Our primary and middle schools in Mogadishu and Dhusmareb—serving 115 and 150 students respectively—celebrated key milestones, including the successful launch of an interactive digital civic education module. This innovative approach to learning has increased student engagement, fostered critical thinking and leadership skills, and enhanced civic participation. Our growing partnership with Quality Schools International Djibouti further supports the advancement of high-quality teaching practices, curriculum development, and modern pedagogical techniques. Looking ahead, continued investment in digital education infrastructure and comprehensive teacher training will be critical to scaling these strategies across our programs.

SAFE HOUSE

Gender-based violence (GBV), particularly sexual violence, continues to be an issue in Somalia, intensified by ongoing conflict and instability. Love Does remains deeply committed to supporting survivors through our safe house which offers holistic care to vulnerable women including shelter, psychosocial support, legal aid, and vocational training. This quarter, we facilitated 22 survivor-led GBV dialogues, reaching 380 participants across six districts in Galmudug. These sessions played a critical role in deepening community understanding of women's rights, particularly in light of Galmudug's landmark legislation banning female genital mutilation.

SOMALIA

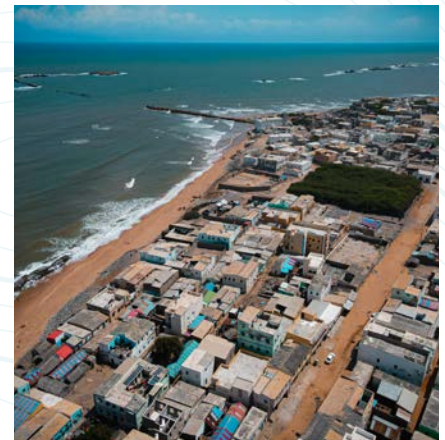
Somalia

BARAAWE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

We did it! We're thrilled to announce the completion of the Baraawe Women's Resource Center! This major milestone was warmly embraced by the local community and marks a transformative step forward in supporting women and girls in the region. A site visit in March confirmed the center's excellent condition and its readiness to launch programming, while also highlighting ample surrounding land for future expansion.

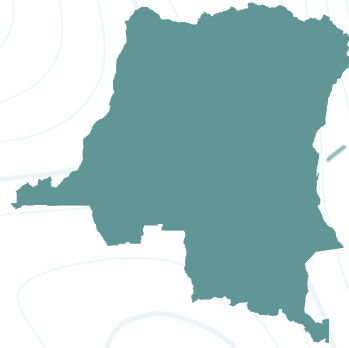
This center is a timely and strategic addition to Baraawe's rapidly evolving economic landscape. It will serve up to 500 women and girls, offering vocational training in artisanal skills, mobile repair, and solar installation, alongside legal aid, psychosocial counseling, and livelihood support. With private beach access, the center will also host ocean therapy and retreat events, providing a safe space for rest, renewal, and personal growth.

Designed in collaboration with our local engineer and architect, the center was built to withstand potential wave damage, ensuring durability and long-term impact. We're excited to see it become a place where women can access the tools, training, and care they need to thrive in their careers and futures.



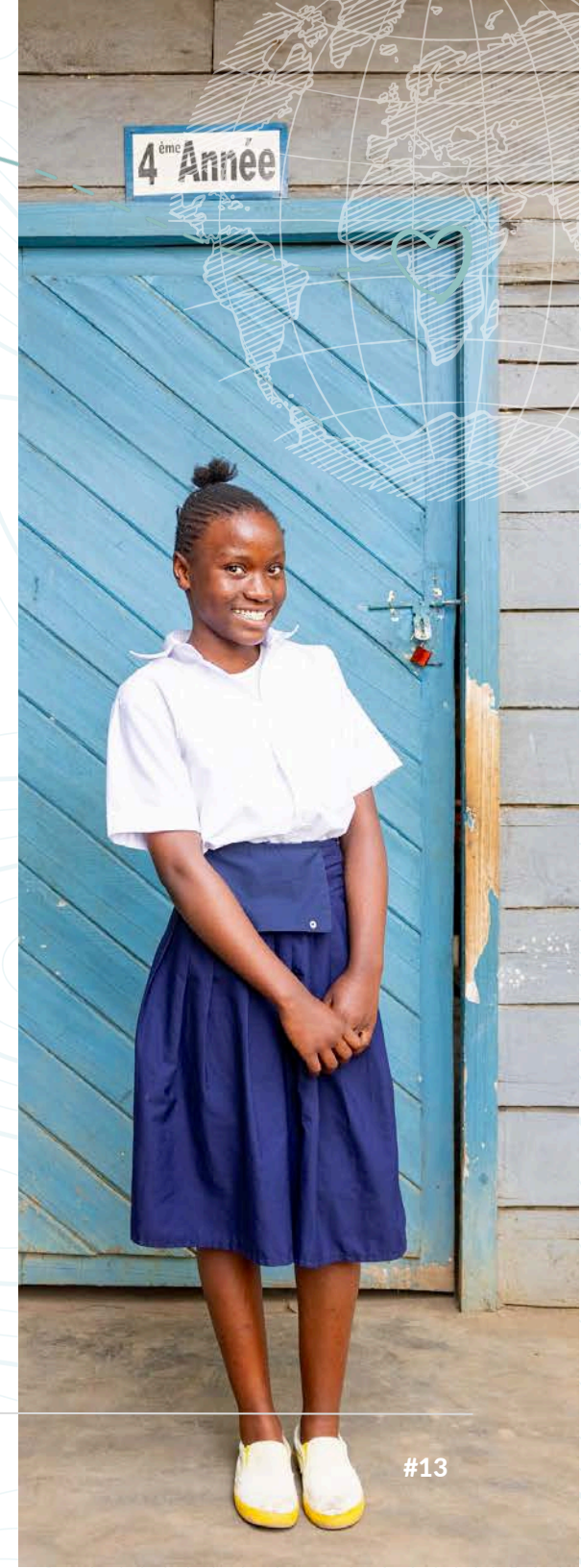
CONGO

Congo



LOVE DOES SCHOOL

In January, M23 rebels seized key areas, including Masisi, Katale, Minova, Sake, and Goma—the town where our school is located. As a result, the Love Does School was forced to close temporarily. A ceasefire was declared a week later, but M23 still controls the city and tensions remain high. During this period, our school served as a refuge for those in need of shelter. Despite school closures lasting about two weeks and fluctuating enrollment, we reopened almost back to our pre-M23 enrollment numbers and remain hopeful as the situation begins to stabilize. Though much of this quarter was focused on survival and adjusting to a new normal, we are grateful for how our team has supported the school. We've distributed instructional videos to all teachers on how to minimize trauma and care for themselves amid the ongoing conflict. Additionally, we've provided new activity and program ideas to help teachers care for their students.



RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

In the midst of Congo's ongoing disruptions, both students and teachers find hope and resilience in their school. Alexi, a student, reflects on the many challenges he's faced, from the eruption of the volcano that destroyed everything to the arrival of war; despite these trials, the school has remained a constant for him. "The teachers kept coming," Alexi says, "The school is still here, and we are grateful. It's a beautiful school, more beautiful than others, and I am proud of it. It gives me hope even when there is war." Teachers share similar sentiments, highlighting their own struggles yet finding strength in the school's continued presence. One teacher notes, "Life has shown us many hard things. The volcano erupted in 2021, but the school was rebuilt. We keep getting blessed. The war came with M23, but we still find food, support, and our salaries. I'm so happy to be a teacher here. The community looks to us for hope—they see us coming to school and welcoming their children, and they're encouraged. It's not just for the children, it's for everyone in this area."

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Alexi

STUDENT AT THE LOVE DOES SCHOOL

AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan



LOVE DOES PRIMARY SCHOOL

During the first part of this year, the Love Does School made significant strides in both enrollment and infrastructure. We welcomed 18 new first-grade students—10 girls and 8 boys—and the teaching staff has expanded with 3 new teachers for computer and English language classes. Construction on the third floor is progressing well and is expected to be completed next quarter. As part of this expansion, 20 new laptops were purchased for the computer class, providing students with valuable digital skills that will help them stay connected and navigate the modern world.

Additionally, this quarter marks the graduation of the school's first group of students, young boys and girls who, six years ago, couldn't read or write but have now mastered language, math, geography, history, and more. However, due to current regulations in Afghanistan, girls are not allowed to continue their education beyond the sixth grade. To ensure these graduates can continue to grow, the school is creatively offering computer and English courses, which will allow them to provide important skills for their future. The school has made room for these initiatives by constructing new classrooms, acquiring equipment, and hiring more teachers. The unwavering support from the Love Does community has had a profound impact on these students, as evidenced by the smiles on their faces. As these young women step into a society where skills, knowledge, and independence are vital, we remain hopeful for their continued success even in the midst of difficult circumstances.



HOPE STARTS HERE

At just six years old, Madina sat on a busy street corner, her small hands outstretched in hope of receiving a few coins. Her eyes, filled with uncertainty, scanned the pedestrians passing by, each lost in their own world. A team from the Love Does School noticed her as they walked down the street and, sensing something special, approached her and invited her to join the school. Initially, Madina refused to join, worried that she would go hungry, but after we reassured her parents that the school would provide education, meals, transportation, clothing, and supplies, they agreed.

Madina's first days at school were difficult. She had never been to school, didn't know how to read or write, and felt intimidated by her classmates. The teachers at the Love Does School never gave up and patiently guided her, helping her build both her academic skills and her self-confidence. Madina now loves the school bus. "Walking long distances reminds me of my time on the street. Now, I spend that time studying." Today, Madina can read, write, and complete her schoolwork. She has made friends, participates actively in class, and dreams of becoming a teacher to help others like herself. Madina's story is just one of many transformed by the Love Does School in Afghanistan, proving that love in action can change lives and offer children like Madina a future filled with hope.



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STUDENT AT THE LOVE DOES SCHOOL



NEPAL

Nepal

BRICK FACTORY SCHOOL

This quarter at the brick factory school, we've experienced a rise in student enrollment due to the busy brick season. As workers move to the area for employment, new students keep arriving! We've made several upgrades to the classrooms, including new flooring and custom-built work tables that are better suited for the younger children, as the previous benches were too tall. In addition, we provided new uniforms, including track pants, for both students and teachers. In an effort to provide the most up to date curriculum, our teachers have begun utilizing the internet to offer students more learning opportunities, including educational videos and rhymes. At the heart of it all, we're reminded that when you create spaces where kids feel seen, safe, and supported, they show up, lean in, and begin to believe they were made to do something extraordinary.

GIRLS HOME

The girls recently moved into a new home, and excitement is in the air. The transition has been smooth, and the best part is, it's closer to their school! All eight of them, four older and four younger, are settling in well and full of joy about this fresh start. The timing couldn't be better, as exams just ended, and plans are already underway for a celebratory field trip. Among the group, two girls are currently in college. One dreams of becoming a doctor and is shining in her studies. The other is pursuing entrepreneurship and management, with a heart full of ambition and a vision for the future. We're so proud of each of them and are cheering them on as they continue to step boldly into who they're becoming.



DRUG AND REHAB CENTER

We are so excited to lead the effort in this new season to strengthen and grow the impact of the Love Does Drug and Rehab Center. We are working hard on renovations on the existing building while we also look into options for a more permanent location and facility. Renovations include new beds and bedding, fresh paint on the walls, improved food quality, updated washrooms, expanded electrical systems, and the installation of cameras to enhance safety. We've also equipped the center with much-needed sports and medical equipment, as well as a round carpet for fellowship and meetings. These small updates are creating a big impact in the daily life of the center.



One of the most beautiful moments this season came on a Saturday in March, when the center celebrated the graduation of four clients who completed the program. All four have secured jobs with construction companies and are fully committed to rebuilding their lives. We are deeply encouraged by the progress made and the lives being restored through this center.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The after-school program is thriving, with around 50 children and 5 dedicated staff members working together. This first quarter has centered around preparing the students for their final examinations, with teachers going the extra mile, especially in Math, by offering additional classes after school. Amidst all the studying, we've also made space for joy and creativity, incorporating music lessons to bring a healthy balance to the students' routines. On March 12, we celebrated Holi, the vibrant festival of colors, with the kids, filling the space with laughter, color, and community. The next day, March 13, we honored one of our community's most cherished traditions, the "Mask Dance," bringing culture and celebration into the heart of the program. It's been a beautiful quarter of learning, growth, and joy!





INDIA

India

LOVE DOES HOME

At the Love Does Home in Bangalore, we are incredibly proud of the children and all they've accomplished this quarter. Our college students have shown outstanding academic excellence, with several presenting and publishing research papers at prestigious national and international conferences. This is a testament to their hard work and growing confidence. At the same time, our school-aged students continue to shine outside the classroom, winning awards in singing, science fairs, and quiz competitions. One of our boys was even recognized as the top goalkeeper in multiple college level football tournaments, showcasing not just talent but heart and determination. These achievements reflect our deep commitment to nurturing the mind, body and character and to helping every child discover their unique gifts. Outside the classroom, the kids and staff have actively participated in community service initiatives and church programs, showing that love doesn't stop at the school gate.

RESOURCE PROGRAM FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

This is one of our newer initiatives and has already begun making a meaningful impact in the Vellore area. Reaching families across a 100-mile radius, the program focuses on supporting individuals who are blind or visually impaired by providing access to essentials like food, medical care, and transportation to hospitals. In an area where resources can be scarce and travel to receive care is often challenging, this kind of practical support goes a long way. Even in its early stages, the program is already reminding families that they are not alone and that they are valued and not forgotten.



A team from the Love Does Home traveled to Manipur in northeastern India to visit the Tingsong Village and expand outreach efforts by providing essential educational services and resources to underserved communities. During the visit, the team supported after-school tutoring and literacy workshops. They also organized a successful student career counseling session and a variety of educational activities. This visit marked a meaningful step forward in building lasting relationships and creating opportunities.



"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to visit Tingsong Village. We spent several days interacting with school children as part of a career guidance program. During this time, I observed how limited their general knowledge was. When I asked the children about their future aspirations, it became clear that their view of the world was quite narrow. Many were eager to learn, but financial struggles prevented them from attending school regularly, as they had to help their parents with farming. I emphasized the importance of setting goals and staying motivated if they wanted to achieve their dreams. Despite the many challenges they faced, the children were pure-hearted and eager to learn. I led a few activities to keep them engaged, and they were always excited to participate. This experience highlighted the critical need for education in villages like Tingsong."



*A member from the Love Does Home in India regarding
their outreach mission to the Tingsong Village*

POLAND



LOVE DOES PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Love Does School in Poland continues to be a bright light for 120 Ukrainian students. For many of these children, adjusting to life and school in a new country presents daily challenges. Here, students can overcome those challenges by continuing their education in their native language while gently integrating into their new environment. To nurture both academic growth and emotional well-being, our school offers a rich variety of workshops and experiences. As part of Warsaw's "Winter in the City" initiative, children had the opportunity to explore 3D art and make Valentine's cards. In February, the students had multiple encounters with inspiring locals. They had the honor of meeting the Third Secretary of the Ukrainian Embassy and then also met with Ukrainian author Kateryna Yehorushkina, who shared her book *My Forced Holidays*. Creative and physical outlets like these as well as weekly art sessions have helped students find joy, connection, and self-expression.

Teachers are also pursuing ways to be better equipped in their role. They began a six-month Trauma-Informed Educator Program to better support students carrying the invisible weight of displacement and trauma. March was filled with many meaningful moments: students visited the POLIN Museum to learn about Purim and bake traditional cookies, attended a theater production on hate speech, celebrated the arrival of spring with a field trip to the Geological Museum and marked the anniversary of the war with banners for a city-wide march. Each of these experiences is more than just an activity - they're stepping stones toward resilience, identity, and belonging.



LONGING FOR HOME

As we prepared banners for our students to mark the third anniversary of the war in Ukraine, we organized a special session for our high schoolers. The goal was simple: to reflect on what they miss the most and what message they want to share with the world. At first, the responses were simple, even ordinary: "I miss my favorite store", "I miss the smell of sunflowers". As the students continued to open up, deeper emotions surfaced. Among the banners, one phrase stood out: "Tęsknie za moim pokojem" - "I miss my room/peace." In Polish, the word "pokój" carries a dual meaning as it signifies both peace and a room, a place of safety. For these children, it was a heartbreaking reminder that their sense of security had been taken away.

Then, one of our 11th-grade students, Bogdan, spoke up. His voice was quiet, but his words carried the weight of unimaginable pain: "They took my father captive eight months ago." At that moment, the room fell silent. The activity, meant to be a creative reflection, had given Bogdan a rare space to share his grief, to speak his father's name into existence, and to find comfort among those who understood. These are the realities our students carry every day. Behind every lesson, every workshop, and every moment of joy, there is an unspoken longing for home, for peace, for the people they have lost. This is why our school exists - to provide not just education, but a sanctuary where they can express their pain, find support, and keep hope alive.



UKRAINE

Ukraine

LOVE DOES BOUTIQUE AND WORKSHOPS

The ongoing war and continued displacement of families have significantly shaped our programs over the past three months. Power outages and economic instability have made daily life even more difficult for the women we support, increasing their reliance on our boutique and workshops. The Love Does Boutique in Lutsk has continued to be a safe and empowering space for women navigating pregnancy and displacement. Each month, the boutique has welcomed a growing number of expectant mothers, providing them with essential baby items and meaningful support as they prepare for childbirth and life postpartum.

Over the past quarter, more than 240 women have received support from the boutique, including many first-time attendees who recently arrived in Lutsk after fleeing conflict zones in eastern Ukraine. Extracurricular activities have helped nurture hope and resilience. In January, the workshop focus was on babywearing, to help equip the women with the skills to safely carry their infants, which is especially vital in emergency situations. February's workshop introduced newborn first aid, covering life-saving topics like CPR and managing fevers in areas where access to medical care remains unreliable. By March, the program expanded to include mental health and stress management workshops, offering tools to help women process trauma and anxiety.

THE POWER OF SHOWING UP

One of the most touching moments came from a woman who had been displaced from the east and now lives alone in Lutsk while her husband serves on the front lines. When she entered the boutique, she said, *"I'm so happy you came back. Finally, someone sees me as a woman, not just a displaced person."* Her words reminded us why this project matters—not just for material aid but for restoring dignity and a sense of normalcy to those who have lost so much. The lady came back to us 3 times and the last time she asked Annemarie, our country director, to stay with her through the childbirth, because she is all alone. It's in moments like these that we're reminded of the profound impact of simply showing up, offering care, and letting people know they are seen and valued.



BURKINA FASO

Burkina Faso



LOVE DOES SCHOOL

The Love Does School in Burkina Faso continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication of its teachers, staff, and hardworking students. The primary and secondary school currently serves 108 students, and the preschool supports 54 young learners. Four staff members work daily to provide nourishing meals, ensuring students have the energy and support they need to succeed. This quarter, students have made steady progress, with monthly evaluations and final assessments helping to track their development. Enrichment programs in computer science and English continue to offer valuable skills and broaden students' perspectives. Meanwhile, construction on a new school building will be completed in the upcoming quarter. A memorable highlight this term was Traditional Day, a vibrant celebration of culture where students wore traditional clothing and engaged in activities, deepening their sense of community.

"Our model is to take care of the body, mind, and soul."

Pastor Deme, Burkina Faso Country Director



JANUARY SITE VISIT

In January, members of the Love Does team traveled to Burkina Faso to connect with Pastor Deme, our country director, and the dedicated local staff. Driving through Ouagadougou, the team saw how the school is a powerful symbol of hope in a community facing significant poverty. The secondary school is progressing well and is on track to be completed before the rainy season. The visit highlighted the incredible impact that access to education and daily nutrition is having on students' lives. At the preschool, classrooms were alive with songs, laughter, and the joyful energy of young children. Our team also got to see how daily meals play a vital role providing nourishment and helping students stay focused and engaged throughout the day. Through a partnership with Lifeline Christian Mission, the food being provided often serves as the only meal many students receive. It's truly a lifeline for the children and their families. Another shipment is expected in the next quarter, ensuring continued support for both the students and the surrounding community.



"We are feeding their bodies so they can feed their minds."

Jody Luke, President of Love Does



ISRAEL

Israel

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

As we celebrated two years since the opening of the Love Does After School program on March 22nd, we are grateful the school provided stability and support for our staff and students during many difficult months. This quarter held even more significance as we also celebrated Women's Day and Mother's Day, honoring the incredible women who pour so much love and strength into our program.

This semester has brought exciting new opportunities, including welcoming our first educational counselor to the team. Her presence has already made a meaningful difference as she's begun offering individual sessions for students and their parents. Through these conversations, we've uncovered some of the unique challenges our kids are facing. Whether it's difficulty focusing, struggles with writing, or behavioral concerns, we're now better equipped to walk alongside them and their families with deeper care and understanding. At the heart of everything we do is a desire to love big and well and we see this taking root every day. One of the most touching examples came from two of our 5th graders who, unprompted, chose to stay after school on a Saturday to clean their classroom. They simply wanted the space to feel cared for. This was a quiet but powerful act of responsibility that showed how deeply they're internalizing the values we live out together. This place is more than a program, it's a growing family rooted in love, resilience, and hope.



DOMINICAN *Dominican* REPUBLIC *Republic*



WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The Love Does Women's Center in Puerto Plata continues to thrive since its opening in March 2022. It offers a wide range of technical and training courses to women in Sosúa and the surrounding areas, all aimed at promoting economic independence and personal growth. The center remains committed to empowering women through programs in beauty, English, entrepreneurship, finance, massage therapy, and computing. This year began with the launch of the Advanced Makeup Techniques course, culminating in the graduation of 33 women as professional makeup artists on March 14. In addition, 42 women completed the Eyebrow Tinting course and graduated in March. Also this quarter, four new computer courses were launched, body massage classes began and, due to high demand, two new basic English sessions were added. As a result of the skills acquired in the entrepreneurship and finance program, six new ventures were launched by local women this quarter. These include clothing boutiques, personalized product businesses, and beauty service providers. We are incredibly proud to celebrate the creation of these female-owned enterprises as it reflects the determination of these women to become independent and earn a living in a dignified and sustainable way. Every one of these women represents a success story, as education continues to transform lives and create lasting impact.





ENGLISH CLASSES

The English Classes in the Dominican Republic have been progressing well. Isachar, a teacher, has been instrumental in identifying challenges and finding solutions to support the other teachers and the classes. Attendance issues in the Redemption community specifically had been a concern, and there were some inconsistencies with teachers; however, since Isachar started teaching in Redemption, attendance has significantly improved, showing the positive impact of his involvement.



PRESCHOOLS

In December, we welcomed a new teaching team in the community of Esperanza, and the transition has been smooth. They're doing an incredible job keeping the students excited and engaged in school each day. In the community of Ascension, we have faced issues with parents dropping their children off late and students not wearing their uniforms. To address this, a parents' meeting was held and we were able to identify the source of the problem and work towards a resolution—a slightly later start time—that will ensure that the children are dressed appropriately and daily receive the full educational experience without losing valuable instructional time.



LOVE DOES CAFÉ GOZO

The high season (winter months) was a success, bringing increased recognition to the Love Does Cafe as word continued to spread and more people stopped by, many returning again and again. Our consistent social media efforts have played a key role in boosting visibility and engagement—that and the delicious food! We started hosting a twice-weekly Spanish class to customers. We are happy to say it has been well received and will continue through the low season. Offering Spanish classes is a great way to keep both tourists and locals coming back, creating a welcoming space for connection, learning, and community.

MEXICO

Mexico



LOVE DOES PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

In January, enrollment surged from 80 to 176 students. In response to this growing demand, a new class was launched specifically for high school students. The initiative was met with overwhelming interest, and soon after, adults seeking basic education also began joining. The high school students have also had the chance to participate in ORALE, a program led in partnership with Prosalud Tijuana, that teaches essential life and job skill courses; this has been an effective way to foster techniques that the students can employ beyond the classroom.

Learning continues to extend beyond the classroom through museum visits and interactive games, which are key to building trust and strengthening student-teacher relationships. During these outings, high school students often take on leadership roles, helping cultivate a deeper sense of responsibility and community within the group. To celebrate and encourage students' efforts throughout the evaluation period, which includes assessments of habits, behaviors, and personal accomplishments, students earn "Love Dollars," which can be used to "purchase" items at the community store. These combined efforts are not only enriching the students' educational experiences but also fostering confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging.



SUAMI'S JOURNEY FROM HARDSHIP TO HOPE

Suami, a young girl from Honduras, arrived at the shelter with her two brothers and their mother. From an early age, she faced immense challenges, taking on the role of caregiver for her three younger siblings who, due to limited resources, had to remain in Honduras with an aunt. The separation weighs heavily on Suami, and she continues to struggle with anxiety, deeply concerned for the siblings she left behind. Both Suami and her older brother Josue have begun receiving psychological support at the Love Does School, and the impact has been profound. They've grown into dedicated students and are now thriving in the school environment. The shelter has become a true refuge, a place where they feel safe, supported, and no longer want to leave. For the first time in a long time, they've found a sense of peace and stability.

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT

EL IMPARCIAL / TIJUANA / IMMIGRATION

1,200 migrants remained in Tijuana without the possibility of seeking asylum in the US.

At the Embajadores de Jesús AC shelter, families are in shock because they are stranded in Tijuana.

By Khennia Reyes
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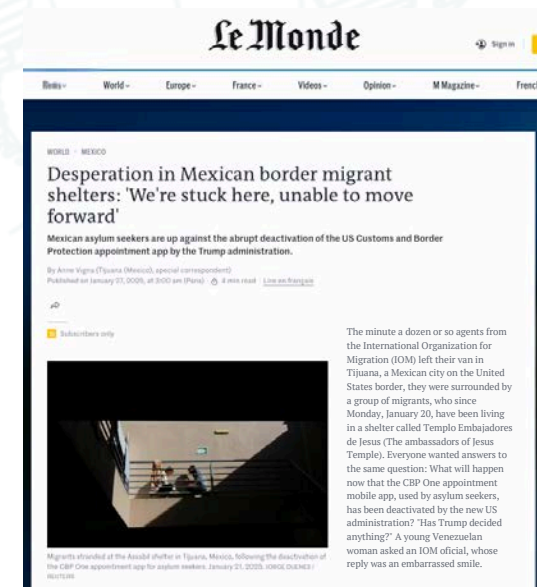


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Tijuana, BC.- At the Embajadores de Jesús shelter, 1,200 migrants were left without the possibility of obtaining humanitarian asylum from the United States due to the disappearance of the CBP One app.

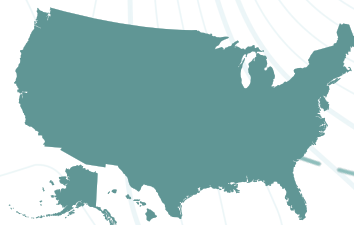
To keep them calm and avoid the risks of crossing into the country illegally, the shelter will promote educational, health, and housing services.

This past quarter, the Love Does School received international recognition with features on major news stations around the world, including national coverage in Mexico and broadcasts in Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, Argentina, France, the Netherlands, Honduras, and El Salvador. The school was also spotlighted by the global nonprofit organization World Vision. It's incredibly exciting to see the Love Does School in Mexico celebrated for the amazing work happening there as it also opens the door for greater awareness, support, and opportunities for the school and its students.



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SINGLE MOM PROGRAMS

Currently, the Love Does Home is not just full in numbers, but also full of laughter, growth, and the energy of little ones running around. Each day, the moms are showing up for themselves and their kids as they pursue education, heal from difficult pasts, and embrace a new chapter with strength and hope. All four moms living at the home are working hard to build brighter futures for themselves and their children, and having a stable, supportive environment is making all the difference. We're honored to be that safe haven for them!

Our boutique has become a bright spot for our moms, thanks to the generosity of our amazing donors. Every donated item, whether it's a cozy blanket, baby bottles, or clothes, is given with so much love, making the moms feel seen, supported, and cared for. One of the most touching moments this quarter was our Valentine's Day event, where we celebrated self-love, hope, and new beginnings. The moms created vision boards filled with their dreams for themselves, their children, and their future.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The high cost of groceries makes it increasingly difficult for many in our local community to access quality, nutritious food. It highlights the growing importance of our food program.

This quarter, we made significant strides in addressing food insecurity:

- 484 bags were delivered to Monarch School in San Diego, which serves children experiencing homelessness.
- 513 bags were delivered to families through our Neighbor to Neighbor program (formerly Urban Life), focused on supporting refugee and low-income households.
- 36 bags were delivered to residents of our Single Mom Home in San Diego.
- 5,985 lbs were delivered to the Haitian Refugee Community Center.
- 3,953 lbs were delivered to the Tizon Senior Home.
- 13,690 lbs were delivered to St. Mark's Episcopal Church.
- 5,888 lbs were delivered to Mid City Nazarene.
- 1,873 lbs were delivered to Surrendered Ministries in Mexico.

Thanks to new partnerships with St. Mark's Episcopal, Mid City Nazarene, and Surrendered Ministries, we've nearly doubled the amount of food distributed across San Diego. We're also preparing to launch a new distribution site in Mira Mesa, extending our reach into North County. Our Senior Living Distribution at Tizon continues to thrive, helping us build strong, lasting relationships with the residents.



A TIMELY PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. MARK'S CHURCH



One of the most impactful stories from this quarter involves our growing partnership with St. Mark's Church in City Heights. The church had been facing a significant produce shortage, struggling to provide enough food for the increasing number of people coming through their doors seeking nutritional support. In a timely and meaningful encounter, we met some of the St. Mark's volunteers at the San Diego Food Bank. As we learned more about their challenges, we were able to step in and support their food ministry by supplying them with much-needed produce. We are honored to walk alongside this church in their mission, helping their food program grow and thrive. Our partnership has enabled them to feed over 200 people twice a week, offering hope and nourishment to their community.

"Since last December, St. Mark's began partnering with Love Does in supplying food to our clients in City Heights. We couldn't keep up with the growing demand caused by increased food scarcity. We've increased the amount of food distributed by 30%... and that's just since the beginning of the year. That increase couldn't meet the needs of our community without our partnership with Love Does. As we continue to grow in our service to City Heights, we also grow in our appreciation for our partnership with Love Does. The impact has been tremendous."

Joanna Smith

ST. MARK'S CHURCH



LOVE DOES IN ACTION STUDENT CLUBS

Throughout this semester, our 11 Love Does in Action Clubs shifted their focus from internal campus projects to looking beyond their school setting. This spring, several of the clubs rallied around our Launch Program in Poland, raising funds to provide scholarships for higher education for the Ukrainian refugee high school graduates. To support this initiative, the various college campuses got creative organizing events and fundraisers to support these students on the other side of the world. Other Love Does in Action campuses continued working on their own local projects. At Cornell, students gathered in a home filled with Love Does quotes and colorful balloons to assemble over 20 care packages for individuals experiencing homelessness; they then assembled an additional 20 kits of comfort items for local chemotherapy patients. Meanwhile, at Florida SouthWestern, the club assisted a family with much-needed home improvements and, on February 22nd, came together for a service day priming and painting the home, organizing the yard, moving materials, and power washing a shed. From local neighborhoods to communities across the globe, the Love Does in Action clubs continue to show how incredible things can happen when students come together for a united purpose.

YWAM & LOVE DOES “BUILDING A LIFE OF PURPOSE”

In March, we gathered Love Does in Action college leaders and friends of Love Does from across the map to partner with YWAM Homes of Hope in Mexico. In just two days, we built two entire houses from the ground up! This trip was about more than building walls and securing roofs; it was about building a life of purpose. Between hammering nails and putting up drywall, we laughed, shared stories, and got our hands (and shoes) covered in mud. No amount of rain or mess could shake the joy of seeing a family step into their brand-new home for the first time! These families received a place to dream, grow, and build their futures and every person who came along didn't just swing a hammer—they built something lasting in their own hearts as well.



LA FIRE RELIEF

Wow - the Love Does community showed up in a big way! LA fires began on January 7th, and just two days later, two Love Does team members traveled to Los Angeles to support those impacted. After stocking up on essentials like protein bars, Gatorade, fruit, and nonperishables from Costco, they visited multiple evacuation shelters to assess the most urgent needs. Over the following week, the Love Does community responded with overwhelming generosity donating diapers, wipes, pajamas, toiletries, socks, sweatpants, toys, coloring books, stuffed animals, and school supplies.

On January 15th, our staff and friends packed hundreds of backpacks filled with care items. With help from amazing partners like Vessel Backpacks, BLVR, Monarch School, Rock Church, and The Energy Coalition, we were able to assemble backpacks filled with blankets, toiletries, snacks, water, medicine, masks, towels, toys, and more. Each was thoughtfully curated: pink for single moms and babies, black for dogs, green for refugees, red for firefighters, and white, grey, and blue for students.

On January 16th, we began with home deliveries for single mothers, followed by a middle school drop-off of 175 backpacks, a visit to a fire station, and finally, a church drop-off for displaced families. The Easton Fire alone destroyed over 9,000 structures and burned more than 14,000 acres, including historic homes tied to marginalized communities. Thanks to the outpouring of physical and financial support, crucial supplies were delivered—allowing Love Does to continue serving those affected as efforts enter the next phases of recovery.

SAN QUENTIN FAITH & FAMILY EVENT

In March, the Love Does team traveled to San Quentin on a Saturday to support two of last year's recipients of our Dream Big grants. It was the first ever Faith and Family event where families and the incarcerated were invited to attend church together. It was a day filled with powerful testimonies of faith, grace, hope and redemption.

"I want to say I'm sorry and thank for you standing by me, mom, through all these years. I never told you that publicly," said one of the attendees to the crowd of over 100.

LOVE DOES TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

The Love Does Transitional Program kicked off in the fall of 2024 with one simple goal—walking alongside alumni from our classes at San Quentin as they step into the next chapter in their lives. We know that those who are incarcerated today are tomorrow's neighbor, and we want to be the kind of neighbors who show up. This program provides assistance with basic needs and ongoing mentorship to support these men as they transition back to their families and communities. One of the men we met several years ago through our Storytellers Class was also one of the first recipients of a Love Does Scholarship, which allowed him to begin working toward a B.A. in Journalism. In March 2024, he was paroled and continued his education at San Francisco State University, thereby becoming one of the first to join our brand-new Love Does Transitional Program. Despite facing many challenges navigating life on the outside, he regularly encouraged others in the group and stayed positive. We consider it a privilege to have walked alongside him and felt most joyous when we were able to assist with helping him move into his own place. We couldn't be more grateful to be a part of his story.

"It's a blessing that you guys came into my life at a time when I needed it. Words can only express my gratitude, but my heart and actions can say more. Look at my apartment. MINE!! I've been waiting 27 years for this and thanks to Love Does it finally happened. I appreciate you. Thanks!"





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THANK YOU

Thank 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.

Special thanks to Tyler Wohlford @Halleproject, who beautifully captures our programs and friends each year.

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