

A large group of children and adults are gathered outdoors, celebrating with their arms raised and colorful confetti falling from the sky. The children are wearing pink and blue uniforms. The background shows a school building and a cloudy sky.

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A proud moment from our grand opening  
of the primary dormitories in Uganda



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**“BEING ENGAGED  
IS A WAY OF  
DOING LIFE, A  
WAY OF LIVING  
AND LOVING.”**

*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, the United States and our newest, Jordan. 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.

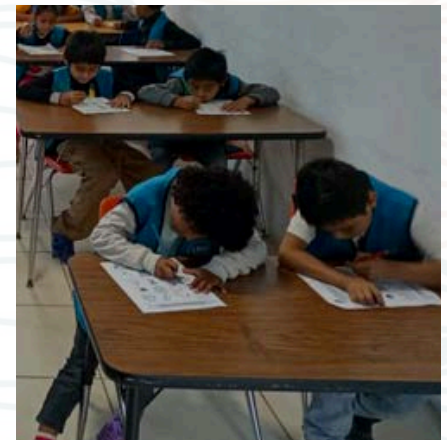




*Leaders in the making!*

## 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

The National Council for Higher Education in Uganda awarded Restore University a Letter of Interim Authority, marking the first level of accreditation and launching a three-year period of evaluation as we hire staff, develop programs, and build the campus for our first class of students. We also received a Certificate of Approval for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment from the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), validating more than a year of project design and environmental planning and giving us the green light to begin construction. Work is now underway, starting with excavation, roads, and fencing.

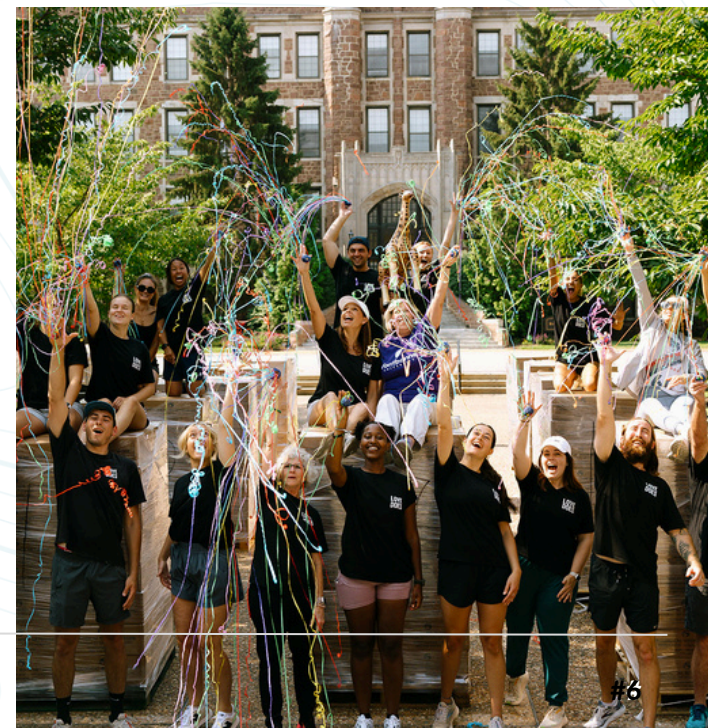
On July 19, Restore University, with the support of alumni, hosted the first Restore University Marathon under the theme “Greater than Stroke.” Our Secondary school headmaster suffered a stroke several years ago, so our students wanted to honor him and bring awareness to the University coming through this race. The event brought together 500 participants, including students, parents, and representatives from the Gulu City Council and City Health Office, along with the Gulu University Secretary and the Member of Parliament for Kilak South, where Restore University is located. A free medical camp supported by the Gulu City Health Office served all participants, promoting wellness and community engagement as Restore University continues to grow. In this celebration of resilience, we were reminded that when people come together with purpose, love runs freely.





## FONTBONNE'S LEGACY LIVES ON IN UGANDA

In partnership with Fontbonne University in St. Louis, which closed its doors earlier this year, we received an extraordinary donation of their entire library, over 20,000 books valued at \$600,000. Amazingly, these books support four of our five majors at Restore University. With the help of our Love Does in Action college students and some special friends, we packed and shipped the collection, ensuring that Fontbonne's century-old legacy of learning, begun by the Sisters of St. Joseph to educate children who had been overlooked, will continue in Uganda. This beautiful act of generosity reminds us, that love in action keeps writing new chapters of hope.





## RESTORE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

This quarter was full of energy and celebration at Restore Leadership Academy as students and teachers continued to build, grow, and shine in every way. Today, Restore Leadership Academy is home to 165 students in Nursery, 627 in Primary, and 850 in Secondary. At Restore Primary, students were thrilled to officially open the new primary dormitories, which gave them a fun and healthy space to live and sleep. With the new basketball, volleyball, and pickleball courts on campus, they also had new and exciting ways to play and connect. Construction of the shade over the bleachers was also completed, creating a beautiful new gathering area. As Head Teacher Akoko Jasper shared, “In the past, the children ate their meals next to their classrooms, but now they have their meals all together under the shade. They are much happier sharing their meals in a common area.”

In August, Restore Secondary had the honor of hosting the 2025 Music, Dance, and Drama Competition for primary schools across the Acholi sub-region. Selected by the Ministry of Education and Sports as the official host school, Restore welcomed 12 schools from Gulu, Amuru, Agago, Kitgum, Lamwo, Nwoya, and Pader for three days of music, creativity, and community. The event filled the Main Hall with color, rhythm, and joy, reminding everyone that learning goes far beyond the classroom.

Our students also made us proud on the national stage. During the school term holiday, the Restore Secondary debate team competed in the National Debate Tournament and advanced all the way to the quarterfinals, earning recognition as the best team from Northern Uganda. Meanwhile, star athlete Aromorach Brenda, a talented O-level student, represented Restore at the East African Games, winning gold in shot put for the third consecutive year. Her dedication and perseverance continue to inspire the entire school community.





## PRISON PROGRAMS

In July 2025, we celebrated a joyful milestone in our Prisons Program as 20 women graduated from the Boda Mechanics training course. The ceremony was filled with color and hope as each graduate received a certificate and a starter toolkit to launch her new trade. The Regional Prisons Commander and the Officers in Charge of both the male and female prison sections joined us to honor the graduates and their hard work. This program equips women with valuable motorcycle repair skills, helping them build independence and create new opportunities once they leave prison. It was a powerful reminder that restoration begins long before release, and that love keeps opening doors to second chances.

Across our prison programs, 11 children are enrolled in the day care, 20 women are participating in the Boda Mechanics Program, 218 men are enrolled in the Prison Primary Education Program, 98 men are part of the Prison Secondary Education Program, and 48 women are studying in the Prison Primary Education Program. Each of these numbers represents a story of transformation and hope as lives continue to be restored through learning, opportunity, and love in action.

## SAFE HOUSE

In July, our Vision Trip group of 17 guests visited the Girls Home in Uganda for a special afternoon together. The highlight was sharing lunch with the girls at The Lawns Restaurant in Kololo. It was a beautiful day filled with laughter, conversation, and joy as we celebrated the girls and reminded them how deeply loved they are. During the visit, our team also made four home visits to connect with the biological family of one of the girls. One of the fathers shared his hope of taking his daughter on vacation, even though she was hesitant to go; this represents a small but meaningful step toward rebuilding family trust and connection.

One of our girls has faced heartbreaking challenges due to harmful cultural practices in her community that have endangered her health year after year. We're overjoyed to share that a wonderful family in central Uganda has come forward, eager to welcome her and her sister into their home. The mother is a respected local leader, and we're so hopeful for the stability and care this family will provide.

All the girls are now enrolled and regularly attending school, showing great improvement from the previous term. The tutoring sessions offered during holidays have made a remarkable difference, especially in helping the girls strengthen their reading and writing skills. The crocheting club has continued to flourish, with the girls creating beautiful bags, bangles, earrings, and scarves, many of which we were able to gift to our visitors. The girls have also learned new skills in fashion and baking, perfecting everything from banana bread to samosas. Alongside these activities, they've continued making liquid soap for daily use and producing school books. Our small poultry project is also thriving - having grown from three to eleven birds this quarter - and has become another meaningful step toward greater sustainability and self-sufficiency for the home.





## REUNIFICATION AND BOARDING PROGRAM

The Reunification and Boarding Program team connected with all 28 youths through school visits, counseling, home follow-ups, hospital visits, and mentorship sessions. More than 60 school visits were conducted, providing academic monitoring, emotional support, and delivery of scholastic materials. The team visited the Love Does Safe House to meet and prepare the girls who will be reunified with their families by the end of the year. We've seen meaningful progress in many of the students' lives, with noticeable improvements in emotional regulation, discipline, and openness during counseling. The youth have shown greater resilience and responsibility in managing both academic and personal challenges. In September, one of the girls was successfully reunified with her family, a milestone worth celebrating. To strengthen our care and support, staff participated in capacity-building sessions on mental health, leadership, safeguarding, and global best practices in youth work. The Love Does Luncheon and Recreational Outing at The Lawns Restaurant in July was another highlight of the quarter, offering time for rest, laughter, and connection for both the youth and staff. In August, hostel fellowships were introduced to help university students practice balanced living and responsible independence. Additionally, health awareness sessions led by the program nurse across different schools focused on adolescent changes, hygiene, and preventive care, ensuring students are equipped with the knowledge to make healthy, confident choices.

## NEW CHAPTER OF HOPE

During a recent group counseling session, one girl shared how the lessons have transformed her mindset and decisions. She explained that she had begun to “go astray,” but through continuous counseling and mentorship from the Reunification and Boarding Program, she gained a new awareness of her value and began making better, more responsible choices. She expressed deep gratitude for the supportive environment where she could open up freely and receive guidance grounded in love, respect, and truth. Her story beautifully reflects the program's transformative impact, empowering youth to make informed decisions that shape their futures.







## VISION TRIP TO UGANDA

In July, the Love Does team traveled to Uganda with a few friends from our community to visit each of our programs and celebrate all that's happening on the ground. We began in Kampala at the Love Does Safe House, where we listened to powerful stories from girls who have endured unimaginable challenges and are now finding new hope. Through education, counseling, and community, they are rediscovering their strength, their voice, and their future. From there, we journeyed north to Gulu to visit our Love Does Restore Leadership Academy. As we arrived on campus, we were greeted by hundreds of students singing, clapping, and dancing—a joyful sea of smiles that captured everything Love Does stands for. Together, we celebrated the ribbon cutting for the new primary dorm expansion, which includes three dorms for girls and two for boys, along with beautiful new basketball, volleyball, and pickleball courts. We also saw the completion of the Sponsor a Bunk Bed Campaign and had the honor of reading the heartfelt messages engraved on each plaque for the students who now call those beds home.



Throughout the week, we spent time with the primary and secondary school staff, shared songs, and danced together in celebration. One of the most meaningful moments was the ribbon cutting for the Luke Heydlauff Medical Clinic, dedicated in Luke's honor and opened alongside his parents, Kate and Jeff Heydlauff. To prepare for the future Restore University and Giraffe Sanctuary, we joined students and staff in planting 300 tamarind and acacia trees. We ended our time at the school with an unforgettable sports day, led onto the field by our marching band. From sack races and relay runs to chair stacking, dancing, and a lively pickleball tournament, the day was filled with laughter and community. As we handed out medals to the winners, it was clear that joy, hope, and love were the true champions of the day.







# SOMALIA

*Somalia*

## GIRLS LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES

The Girls Leadership Academies in Mogadishu and Dhusamareeb faced similar disruptions of displacement and conflict this quarter, yet retention remains high thanks to strong community relationships. Families increasingly view Love Does and the Elman Peace Center not just as a school but as a vital support system that connects them to education, protection, and wellbeing services. During home visits, staff continue to offer encouragement and assistance, reinforcing trust and ensuring that girls' education remains a priority even amid instability. This deep community integration, built over years, remains the key reason attendance and engagement across the Girls Leadership Academies remain among the highest in the region



# SOMALIA

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Primary School in Mogadishu provides children with consistent learning and daily meals. The school-meals program continues to be a cornerstone of attendance and focus, with teachers reporting measurable improvements in literacy and concentration among students who are consistently fed. In September, a Love Does food shipment, sent in partnership with Lifeline Christian Mission, was successfully cleared through customs! These shipments support not only students but also vulnerable families across the community, helping to stabilize households and reduce the stress and tension that come with food scarcity.

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Between July and September, the Middle Schools in Mogadishu and Dhusamareeb concluded their academic year amid challenges caused by displacement and conflict. Attendance fluctuated as families were uprooted and transport routes were disrupted, but no permanent dropouts occurred. Over 90% of students have been traced and confirmed to return when schools reopen. Teachers and counselors are maintaining contact with families during the academic break, encouraging parents to keep education at the center of their children's path to stability.

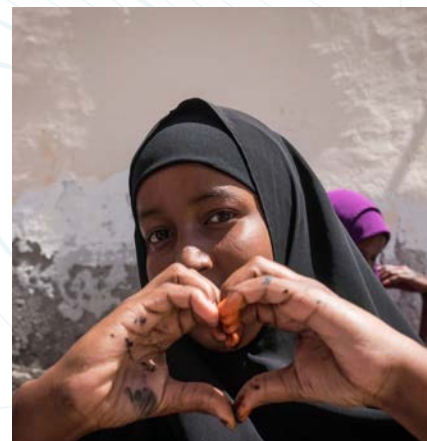


## BARAAWE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Construction of the Barawe Women's Resource Center was completed this quarter, marking a major milestone in advancing women's empowerment and local enterprise along Somalia's southern coast. In the coming months, the project will transition from infrastructure to activation, with recruitment underway for local operations and security staff. Our Mogadishu team will provide onboarding and oversight to ensure strong governance and safeguarding as the Center begins operations.

Following community consultations and a rapid livelihood assessment, four training programs were confirmed and will launch sequentially: tailoring and textile production, mobile device repair, solar installation and maintenance, and digital literacy with micro-enterprise management. Each course will run for 10–12 weeks, combining technical instruction with business and life skills. Participants will receive starter kits or micro-grants, and selected graduates will join business mentorship programs to support sustainable livelihoods.

To ensure long-term sustainability, we finalized plans for three small enterprises integrated into the Center: a women-run community store, a multi-purpose event and office rental space, and a clean water and ice production unit. These ventures will generate revenue, create local jobs, and strengthen the Center's role as a community hub. Together, they form a self-sustaining ecosystem that demonstrates how empowerment, enterprise, and sustainability can thrive side by side in Barawe.





# CONGO

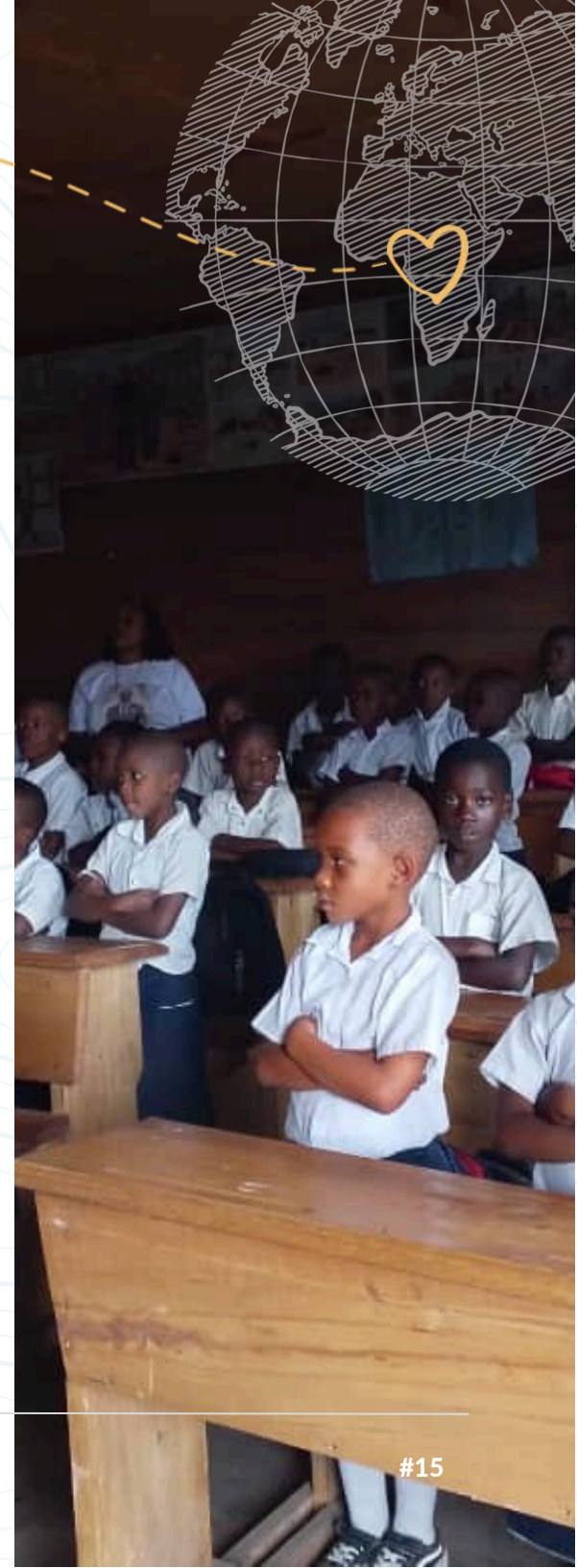
*Congo*



## LOVE DOES SCHOOL

The situation in Congo continues to be deeply challenging. The region remains insecure, and M23 forces still control much of the area where we work. Our staff and students continue to navigate the daily realities of instability as nightly lootings, gunfire, and bombings remain all too common. Even in the midst of this uncertainty, hope has found a way forward. In September, we were able to reopen our school, and the students were overjoyed to return. While life for both teachers and students remains incredibly difficult, there is a deep sense of resilience and determination in every classroom. The Love Does school currently serves 286 students, holding steady even as many neighboring schools have been forced to close or relocate due to conflict and food shortages.

This summer, we focused on caring for the hearts of our teachers. We partnered with a local organization to provide psycho-social support for every member of our teaching team, offering space for healing and community after years of trauma. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and it reminded us how vital restoration is for those doing the restoring. We also hosted our annual teacher training seminar, which serves as a time to equip, encourage, and inspire our staff for the year ahead. Though the challenges are immense, love continues to endure. Each classroom that opens its doors, each lesson that takes place, and each student who dares to dream in the midst of hardship is a quiet, powerful act of hope.





# HOLDING ON TO HOPE: MADAME OMBENI'S STORY

In the middle of eastern Congo, where the sounds of war too often echo through the night, Madame Ombeni stands before her third-grade class at the Love Does Primary School. Each morning, she greets her students with a smile, even when life outside the classroom feels impossibly heavy. “We are currently living in a very difficult time,” she shared. “Finding enough to eat or clothes to wear has become a real daily challenge.” What keeps her going, she says, is faith. “There is an inner strength within me that drives me forward. When I read the story of the Israelites enslaved in Egypt, I am reminded that the God who freed them from the hands of Pharaoh is still able to deliver us from this crisis of war. This conviction grounds and encourages me.” Even in the face of hardship, Madame Ombeni embodies the heart of Love Does, choosing courage, compassion, and hope when circumstances would say otherwise. Her classroom is more than a place of learning; it is a quiet refuge where light breaks through the darkness, one lesson at a time.



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*Madame Ombeni*

THIRD GRADE TEACHER AT THE LOVE DOES SCHOOL

# AFGHANISTAN

*Afghanistan*



## LOVE DOES PRIMARY SCHOOL

This quarter at the Love Does School, our team celebrated growth, creativity, and perseverance in the face of ongoing challenges. We welcomed three new teachers, two for computer classes and one for Pashto language. This expansion has allowed us to launch new computer courses and provide more one-on-one support for students who need extra help. The school also opened its new computer lab, offering classes to 150 students. The newly constructed third floor is fully in use, providing a science lab, computer lab, expanded classrooms, and even a dining area, creating more space for learning and community.

Challenges remain, but our staff continues to meet them with creativity and determination. When local authorities shut down Wi-Fi in the city, teachers used cell phone hotspots to maintain computer access for students. Restrictions on who could teach which students prompted the development of a security code system, allowing classes to continue while keeping everyone safe.

Despite threats and increasing constraints, we remain committed to our cause, working tirelessly to ensure that every child has access to the highest quality education possible in this difficult environment.





# TURNING TOWARD THE LIGHT: MARHABA'S STORY

“Like the sunflower, I feel like I’m turning to light, the light of education at the Love Does School.” These words come from 10-year-old Marhaba, her face glowing with a bright, joyful smile. Marhaba first stepped into a classroom at Love Does four years ago, at the age of six. Her mother had initially planned for her to enroll in a madrasa, a traditional religious school, but after hearing about Love Does from a neighbor, she decided to give our school a try. In her first year, Marhaba was quiet and reserved. Her notebook remained mostly blank, she rarely spoke in class, and she often kept to herself during playtime. Her teacher, Anosha, sat beside her every day, encouraging her and working with her after class. Then, one day in second grade, a small moment changed everything. Marhaba drew a little bird and shared it with the class. The applause from her classmates was instant and sustained. In that moment, Marhaba felt as though she was “growing wings,” just like the bird she had drawn.

Today, Marhaba’s creativity fills the halls of our school. One of her morning rituals is to color the drawing board with sunflowers, flying birds, and little houses with red roofs. Her classmates eagerly watch her work, and Marhaba dreams of painting something that will make everyone happy. Her curiosity extends beyond art. She now participates in our new computer classes with excitement, learning to type, open word documents, and even write letters. Last week, she proudly completed her very first letter to her mother, exclaiming, “This is like magic!”

Marhaba is no longer the quiet girl she once was. She laughs freely with friends, joins in games and competitions, and embraces every opportunity to learn and grow. For Marhaba, the Love Does School is a place of friendship, color, and hope. Here, she is truly spreading her wings and turning toward the light of a brighter tomorrow.



# NEPAL

*Nepal*

## BRICK FACTORY SCHOOL

September was a challenging month in Nepal as the country experienced national unrest and severe flooding that disrupted schools, travel, and daily life. Yet even in the midst of uncertainty, the Love Does programs in Nepal continued to bring light and hope to children and families across the region.

At the Brick Factory School, students returned to class after a short period of online learning. With the new brick season beginning in November, families are returning from their villages, and the classrooms are once again filled with the sounds of learning and joy. The school continues to provide free education, daily meals, and a nurturing environment for children whose families work in the nearby brick factories. These kids are often the first in their families to attend school, and each lesson brings them closer to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Our dedicated teachers and staff remain as faithful and passionate as ever about investing in every child who walks through the door.





## **GIRLS HOME**

The Love Does Girls Home remains a place of safety, belonging, and hope for eight incredible young women who are growing into strong leaders. Each girl is thriving in her studies, learning life skills, and discovering what it means to live with love and purpose. Their days are filled with learning, laughter, and mentorship as they continue to grow academically and spiritually. What once was a dream for many of them - attending school, feeling safe, and being cared for - is now their everyday reality.



## **DRUG AND REHAB CENTER**

Our Drug and Rehabilitation Center continues to serve as a safe place for those seeking healing and a new beginning. This past quarter, several new clients joined the program and began their recovery journey surrounded by a caring team who walk with them every step of the way. The center not only focuses on treatment but also on long-term restoration, offering counseling, skill-building, and faith-based mentorship to help each person rediscover purpose and dignity. We are also actively searching for a new location to expand the center, which would allow us to reach even more individuals in need of support.



## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

About 50 children attend our after school program each day, supported by five dedicated team members. The program continues to be a vibrant space for learning, creativity, and friendship. During this season, Nepal celebrated several major festivals, including Dashain, Tihar, and Teej, and each brought joy and vibrancy to our center. Teej was marked with food and fun activities, while Teacher's Day featured singing, dancing, and performances by the older students. Children's Day was filled with laughter, music, and gifts as well as a variety of foods like ice cream, cake, fruit, yogurt, and traditional local cuisine. Despite ongoing unrest and challenges in the country, the children's laughter and celebrations continue to fill our center with hope.



**INDIA**  
*India*

## LOVE DOES HOME

We are proud to celebrate several remarkable achievements by the children at the Love Does Home. One of our boys participated in a college-level football tournament and led his team to a well-deserved victory, while one of our girls earned certificates and medals for her active involvement in Model United Nations. Beyond academics, our children showcased their talents through dance and song at events hosted by the local church, including the Youth Talent Night. Participation in these activities continues to instill confidence, ignite creativity, and promote personal growth.

Our impact extends beyond the school walls into the broader community. We launched a new campaign to raise awareness about menstrual hygiene in a nearby village, distributing sanitary pads as a first step toward promoting better health practices. The children also joined in supporting the villagers with plowing paddy fields and helping to construct safe shelters as families relocate to a new area for improved development, a promise the community made years ago. During our recent visit, we witnessed positive changes in both attitudes and participation, with villagers eagerly attending our programs and events. These moments reflect growing trust, stronger relationships, and the transformative power of love in action within the community.



# POLAND



## LOVE DOES PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

This year, public support for Ukrainian refugees in Poland has started to fade, and feelings of fatigue and even hostility have begun to surface. As the country continues to adjust to a growing immigrant population, our school's mission has become even more vital. This quarter has been one of the most exciting and transformative seasons for our Love Does School in Poland. We proudly opened a new location in Warsaw, which hosts four new high school classrooms. This expansion allowed us to separate our combined 9–11 grade class into two smaller groups, grades 9–10 and grade 11, so students can learn in more focused, age-appropriate environments. We began a new collaboration with a Polish high school, integrating our program into the national education system. Now all students receive both Ukrainian and Polish certificates, giving families the flexibility to continue schooling in Poland or return to Ukraine.

We've launched partnerships with local organizations that lead hands-on science workshops twice a week, allowing students to explore chemistry and physics in a fun, interactive way. A major milestone this quarter was our collaboration with the Ukrainian Embassy, which generously donated dozens of new textbooks to our classrooms. One of the most moving moments of all was a visit from a Ukrainian soldier who lost his leg while serving on the frontlines. Our students asked heartfelt questions about courage, sacrifice, and hope and were no doubt inspired by the soldier's bravery and willingness to share his story. Today, our school is home to 155 students with 11 active classes and 341 hours of lessons each week, along with a growing after-school program. Love Does continues to stand beside these students and families, believing that even in uncertain times, love can still write a bright story.



# ALINA'S DREAM COMES TO LIFE

Alina always dreamed of becoming a nurse, but her family could not afford private studies. Her only chance was free medical education in Poland, though that path is rarely open to refugees. When a new law required all applicants to pass a B2-level Polish exam, she feared her dream might slip away. Determined to succeed, Alina attended every Polish class at the Love Does School, working tirelessly to improve. Her dedication stood out, and she was awarded a scholarship covering three years of university education. A few weeks later, she received the news she had dreamed of - acceptance into medical school! Thanks to the Polish language courses and the Love Does scholarship, Alina is now on her way to becoming a nurse and dedicating her life to helping others, just as she always hoped.







# UKRAINE

*Ukraine*

## LOVE DOES BOUTIQUE AND WORKSHOPS

This quarter, the ongoing war deeply affected mothers and babies in Lutsk. The city was bombed several times in August, including strikes near the hospital where our Boutique operates, and mothers and babies were forced to spend extended hours in the underground maternity shelter, which is safe but cold and crowded. One mother even gave birth while hiding in the shelter during an air raid. Despite these challenges, the Boutique continued uninterrupted, adapting to air alarms and ensuring workshops could still take place in the shelter. Over the last three months, more than 200 women attended our events, bringing the total number of women supported by the project to over 1,000 since it began a year ago. In July, women learned to safely carry their babies in slings, a crucial skill during emergencies. August brought sound therapy sessions offering relaxation, breathing exercises, and emotional release, allowing many mothers to express feelings they had held inside. In September, our one-year anniversary celebration gathered around 140 women, including those pregnant, with newborns, and some with husbands on short military leave. The day included official speeches, recognition of hospital staff, workshops, a large raffle with meaningful prizes, and the creation of a Wall of Gratitude, where mothers shared photos, prayers, thank-you notes, and dreams. Workshop attendance remains high, with 15–20 women per session, and around 60 women visiting the Boutique each month. Our Telegram group has grown into a daily community space where mothers connect, ask questions, and encourage one another, extending Love Does' support beyond monthly events.

A mother of ten, three of whose children were adopted after the war began, told us: *"I couldn't leave them behind when they lost everything."* She shared that she rarely feels noticed, but at the Boutique she finally felt truly recognized as a mother and as a woman.

A mother attending with her husband during his short break from the front confided: the separation has been incredibly difficult, affecting not only her pregnancy but also her marriage. She said that for those few hours during the celebration, she felt like they could reconnect and simply be together again, as a family preparing for their child.

One woman wrote to us afterward: *"I thought everyone had forgotten about me, even God. But at the Boutique, I felt seen again. I went to church after and thanked Him that I am not abandoned."*





# BURKINA FASO

*Burkina Faso*



## LOVE DOES SCHOOL

This past quarter has been full of growth, learning, and progress. In July, our team organized support classes to help students maintain strong academic performance and hosted youth camps and seminars for young girls. These activities offered encouragement, mentorship, and a sense of community for students during their school break. In August, students and staff participated in tree planting across various regions, raising awareness about eco-citizenship and care for the environment. Enrollment also continued to grow, with 33 students in kindergarten, 160 in primary school, and 66 in secondary school, bringing the total to 259 students.

In September, finishing work on the school buildings continued, including the transformation of shipping containers into offices and classrooms. New teachers were recruited for both primary and secondary levels, and additional classrooms were opened to welcome more students. The team is preparing to equip these new spaces with computers - 20 for the primary school and 20 for the secondary school - to enhance digital learning. This progress reflects the dedication of the team and the community, ensuring that students in Burkina Faso have the resources and support they need to thrive.



# ISRAEL

*Israel*



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The ongoing Gaza war has taken a toll on the community, creating emotional and mental exhaustion. Yet after recent news of a ceasefire and lasting peace, we are filled with hope and renewed energy. In July, our students recorded a peace song with lyrics and voices produced by Love Does Israel, in both Arabic and English. This project was part of our leadership training, giving students ownership of the vision to be part of the solution and spread positivity in their community.

In August, we organized a book exchange to welcome the new academic year. Parents donated books for others to take, demonstrating the importance of giving and supporting one another, especially in a community facing shared challenges. Several students also requested extra lessons to prepare for the new year, and they expressed gratitude, saying the sessions encouraged them to begin their grade with confidence and enthusiasm.

In September, the new school year began, and we completed registration for all students, welcoming five new students who joined because of the school's strong reputation. This year, we are maximizing our staff's expertise by introducing weekly Hebrew and science sessions, responding to students' needs and equipping them with skills to build independence and excel academically. Additionally, a school counselor now visits weekly to support students emotionally and academically, while following up with parents and teachers, ensuring that every student is encouraged and cared for holistically.







# JORDAN

*Jordan*

## LOVE DOES COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

This summer, something extraordinary unfolded in Jordan. Children from Gaza, evacuated by St. Jude Children's Hospital to receive cancer treatment, suddenly found themselves far from home, living in hotels, facing long days of uncertainty and loss. When we heard their story, we did what Love Does always strives to do: step in with belonging, hope, and joy.

Our country director put it simply: you can't say you love kids and then do nothing for them. So, we launched the Love Does Summer Camp, where 125 children came together to play, laugh, and remember what it feels like to just be kids. In between games and crafts, we talked about peace, about choosing hope even when the world feels uncertain.

As camp came to a close, we hosted a Back-to-School event, giving each child fresh supplies and a reason to walk into the fall with confidence, however, this wasn't the end. Out of this summer, something lasting began: the Love Does Community Learning Center in Jordan. It will continue the work of the camp, offering education, encouragement, and care for children and families displaced by conflict and illness. This summer reminded us that even in the hardest places, love makes room for healing, and peace can take root one small step at a time.



# DOMINICAN *Dominican* REPUBLIC *Republic*



## WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The Love Does Women's Center in Sosúa continues to serve as a place of refuge, learning, and opportunity for women. In a town where prostitution has become a common means of survival for many women, the center was created to offer a different path, one that provides access to education, practical skills, and dignified employment opportunities. Since officially opening its doors in 2022, the center has offered a variety of technical and training courses including English (both basic and advanced), computing, pastry and baking, beauty and esthetics, hair extension techniques, waxing, and entrepreneurship. In August, more than 40 women graduated from our Massage and Facial program, earning certifications in therapeutic massage and esthetics. As a result, many have already found jobs in local spas and hotels, and several have even launched small businesses of their own. Additionally, 18 women completed a computer course, gaining valuable digital skills that will open doors for employment.

To further support women in crisis, the center has expanded its psychological services. Since July, more than 30 women have received counseling and emotional support, and a new program is being developed to assist victims of violence. Our English classes remain one of the most sought-after programs, with three sessions currently serving 26 women who are eager to learn and grow. Though this season has brought uncertainty, the Love Does Women's Resource Center continues to be a steady source of hope helping women rebuild their confidence, learn new skills, and move toward brighter, more independent futures.







## PRESCHOOLS

We're thrilled to begin a new 2025-26 school year at the four Love Does Preschools! Our hearts are full of hope for all that's ahead as we continue to provide quality education wrapped in love and purpose.

Over the summer, our team readied each preschool by ordering new uniforms, classroom materials, and preschool books, while also completing important maintenance - fixing bathrooms, improving water systems, and adding new cupboards. Before classes began, our teachers attended a training workshop led by a former educator from the Dominican Republic, learning new techniques in classroom management and early childhood development. We also hosted parent meetings across all preschools to review schedules, expectations, and our new learning report system that helps track each child's progress and encourage parental involvement.

This year we introduced a government-approved educational report form to better record attendance, academic progress, and individual learning plans, ensuring that every child receives the support they need. As the school year began, classrooms came to life with color and creativity. Teachers planned weekly lessons based on our preschool curriculum, and balanced meal plans were implemented to support students' health and focus. A highlight of this year is our new Garden Project, where students will learn to plant and care for fruits and vegetables while discovering patience, teamwork, and appreciation for God's creation. Our goal is to expand this project to all preschools so families can one day share the harvest together. The Love Does Preschools continue to be places where children are nurtured, taught, and reminded every day that they are deeply loved.



# MEXICO

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## LOVE DOES PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

At our Love Does School in Mexico, students of all ages continue to learn and grow. Our dedicated teachers carefully prepare lessons that meet every student right where they are. This approach allows children, teens, and adults alike to keep moving forward toward their educational goals, many preparing to take official exams that will certify their studies through the Mexican government.

We currently have 105 students enrolled, supported by a passionate team that includes five teachers, one educational counselor, one administrative staff member, two general support staff, and one director. Together, they're creating a vibrant and inclusive learning environment for everyone who walks through the doors. This year, all grade levels are studying new academic content across elementary, secondary, and high school programs. Alongside their coursework, students participate in a variety of activities that build community and confidence—earthquake drills, Mexican cultural celebrations, storytelling workshops, oral hygiene lessons, mental health courses, and emotional development classes by age group. Monthly cleaning days, bracelet workshops, and football tournaments between shelters and refugee centers bring joy and connection to campus life. The students were also encouraged by a recent visit from the National Guard, which reminded them of the wider community cheering them on.





# LEARNING SIDE BY SIDE

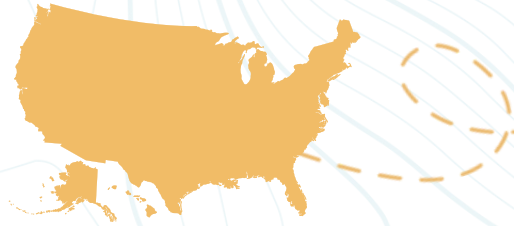
One story that captures the heart of the work in Mexico is Alma's. A mother of several students at the school, she decided to return to the classroom herself. Today, she studies alongside her children, and together they are working toward finishing high school. Her dream is simple but powerful - to earn her diploma and find a stable job to support her family. Alma's determination embodies what Love Does is all about: hope, courage, and the belief that it's never too late to begin again.

Another inspiring story involves one of our Mexico School teachers. She has a student in her class who is deaf; as a result, he has a hard time communicating with the other students. The teacher taught herself American Sign Language and then proceeded to teach her entire class as well. This student had struggled with serious behavioral challenges, but the teacher's dedication to helping him communicate has transformed his motivation and significantly reduced his anger, creating a more inclusive and supportive classroom for all students.



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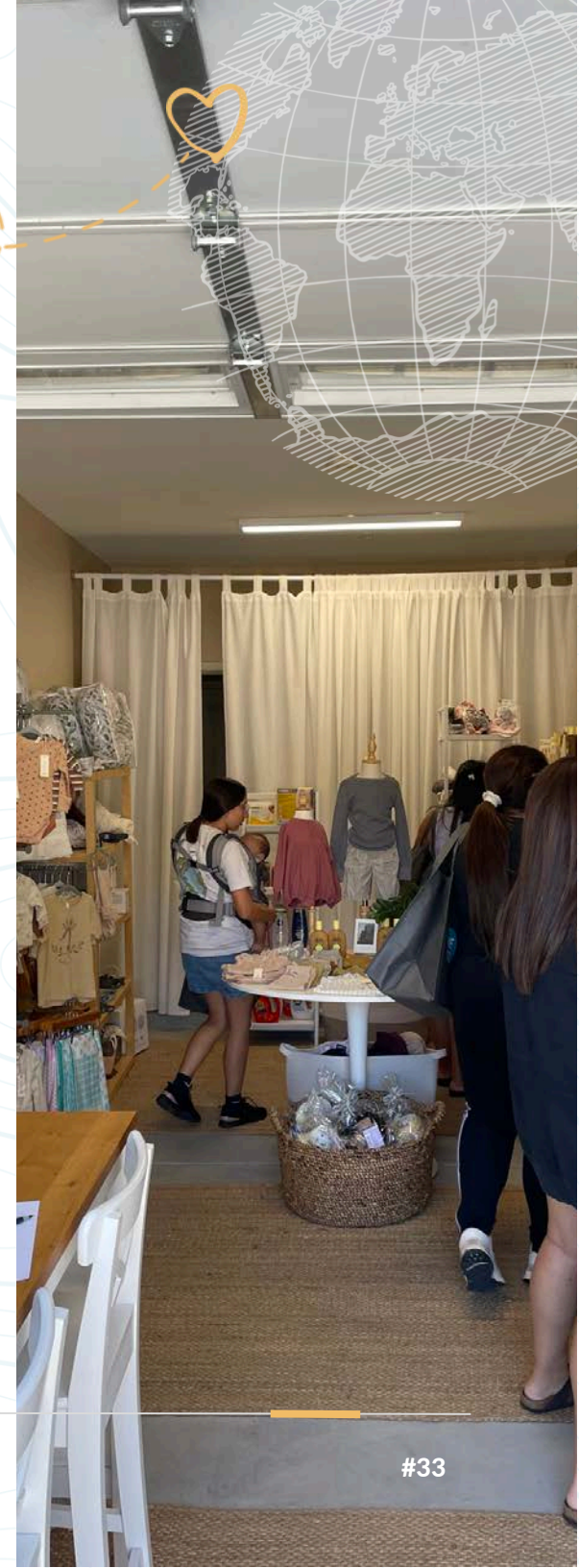
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## SINGLE MOM PROGRAMS

A major highlight from this summer was our Summer Bag Packing event, which was hosted in partnership with Create Church and Seedplanters International. More than 25 volunteers assembled over 100 bags filled with essentials for mothers—food, diapers, sippy cups, and toddler toys donated by church members, along with sunscreen, swim goggles, beach toys, and baby items. These special bags were distributed at our summer event with Hope for San Diego, where moms and kids enjoyed a taco truck, crafts, a bouncy house, and a joyful day of community.

During our Summer Picnic, moms, children, and volunteers came together for a day of food, games, and laughter in the park - a beautiful reminder of the joy found in the community. Another event was the Night Hike, which gave families the chance to enjoy nature and build memories under the stars. As the school year approached, we were able to help moms and their kids go Back-to-School shopping, turning what can often be a stressful time into one filled with excitement, confidence, and smiles. With the help of our generous partners and volunteers, we're walking alongside these moms, sharing in moments of hope and joy, and reminding each family that love always finds a way.





## LOVE DOES HOME

One of the greatest joys this quarter was welcoming a new mother and her two daughters into the home. From the moment they arrived, the space was filled with new laughter and life even though they are all busy at school and college. The girls quickly found comfort and joy in their surroundings, and their mother shared that, for the first time in a long while, she felt truly seen, cared for, and loved. Moments like these are a beautiful reminder of why this program exists to offer safety, belonging, and hope where it's needed most.

## SERVING NEW MOTHERS WITH LOVE AND DIGNITY

In August, we were honored to partner with a local pregnancy clinic for their annual services fair. There, we connected with 65 new mothers including some serving in the military and others experiencing housing insecurity. Many have since visited the Love Does Boutique, and we've welcomed over 75 new mothers who have received diapers, clothing, and baby essentials through our program. It has been one of our busiest and most impactful quarters yet.



## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

This quarter, our Mobile Food Pantry continued to make a meaningful impact across the city, reaching 12 different locations each week. On average, our team distributes close to 4,000 pounds of food per day, sometimes as much as 5,000, totaling around 12,000 pounds every week. We currently operate three days a week. Mondays and Wednesdays are large-scale distributions, while Fridays are dedicated to our Neighbor to Neighbor program, delivering food directly to families in their homes. This personal approach has led to several new enrollments, expanding our reach and deepening connections within the community.

Our distribution sites include the Love Does Single Mom Home, Monarch School, Haitian Refugee Community Center, Tizon Senior Home, Aurora Apartments, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mid City Nazarene Church, Surrendered Ministries, Barrio Logan College Institute, San Ysidro Senior Center, OPSAM Health, and Presidio Palms Apartments. Recently, we had the opportunity to set up a booth at a resource fair at Presidio Palms, one of our newer distribution locations. This allowed us to meet community members in a more personal context while also providing food. Many residents at Presidio Palms are previously unhoused or working through rehabilitation, so being able to offer food and build relationships with them was especially meaningful.

The Love Does Food Program is exceptional because it provides families with one of the most essential needs: food. However, each visit and delivery represents more than food; it is an opportunity to share hope, build relationships, and remind families that they are seen and loved.





# BUILDING COMMUNITY AT EUCLID ELEMENTARY



This quarter, we had the opportunity to share our resources at Euclid Elementary, a Title One school in San Diego serving children from families at or below the poverty line. The school hosted a Back-to-School Night, and we were invited to set up a food distribution booth and connect with families in the community.

This event allowed us to form new partnerships and get to know more of our local neighbors. One special moment was seeing a family we have been serving through our Neighbor to Neighbor program for nearly three years. Being able to connect with them at the school deepened our relationship and reminded us of the importance of building lasting connections.

Engaging with families at Euclid Elementary was a meaningful way to strengthen community ties and continue walking alongside the families we serve, sharing both practical support and encouragement.

## SAN QUENTIN

This quarter, we hosted our first Dreaming Big on the Outside Parole Event at The Oaks Conference Center. Fifteen San Quentin parolees attended with their guests to enjoy a weekend of connection, encouragement, and celebration alongside supporters from across the United States.

During our September visit to San Quentin, we reconnected with alumni who joined us for our Dream Big class, awarded six Educational Scholarships to deserving participants out of over 15 applicants this year. Four parolees received Dream Tank grants to launch podcasts and start LLCs, empowering them to pursue their dreams and contribute positively to their communities.

One powerful moment stood out: a scholarship recipient who had skipped class on the day of the award admitted he didn't come because he was afraid of rejection and felt forgotten by God. Our San Quentin leader walked to his cell and personally delivered the scholarship certificate. Overwhelmed with emotion, the man shared that he finally felt God was listening and had been with him all along. This moment highlighted the transformative power of presence, encouragement, and belief in the potential of every individual.





## LOVE DOES IN ACTION CLUBS

This fall, we're thrilled to have 14 active clubs across high school and college campuses, each of them dreaming up creative ways to love their neighbors well. The program itself was created to give students a space to partner with Love Does and ask a powerful question: "If you received a small grant, how would you use that to love and impact your community?"

These clubs include Bishop Verot Catholic High School, Duke University, Auburn University, Baylor University, Belmont University, Lipscomb University, Florida Southwestern State College, Collegiate High School, University of Mississippi, Pepperdine University, Clemson University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Grand Canyon University, and two clubs led by alumni and friends of Love Does in the Chicago and Nashville regions.

What's especially exciting this season is that we're crossing international borders. Our newest club is based at Gulu University in Uganda and was started by a former student of the Restore Leadership Academy. This club has already formed a board and is busy strategizing how to serve and love their neighbors in meaningful ways.

Back on U.S. campuses, the clubs are exploring all kinds of initiatives and are drafting up their project proposals. We couldn't be more excited to see what each campus will decide to do this fall. These clubs are more than clubs, they are movements of students who choose action, community, and love in real, tangible ways.









# THE HEART BEHIND OUR GENEROUS FRIENDS

*"I feel that the next generation is hope. That those who cannot care for themselves deserve love and help. Loving though actions and services is one of the best ways to love."*

*Grace Heil*

*"Bob's books, stories, and how God uses he and his family to minister has touched my life over the past several years. This is a small reflection of that love."*

*Melanie Wells*

*"Just finished Love Does and wanted to join in on the international impact y'all are making. I appreciate your efforts to spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth!"*

*Lauren Warr*



# 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.

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