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With all the shutdowns it is good to know ALI has not shut down! On the contrary, we are advancing, like our name suggests! We are using this time to prepare leaders for what God is doing. He is making a way where there is no way, and we are all blazing this new trail together! Your support is crucial as we partner with God to reach the children of the world.

In this season, Winnie and I have been meeting together virtually to plan and pray for ALI mission. We are excited at all he is laying on our hearts. Planning and designing materials together has brought life to both of us as we increase our vision for the future. Here are some of Winnie's words about what is happening in Uganda.

*"The first COVID-19 lockdown in Uganda was announced while I was at Hope Primary School in Rhino Camp. There was no time to prepare anything for the students to take home, and I didn't have time to leave the teachers with any plans for the unexpected break. It was all panic since we only knew the orders and not much else.*

*The news of increasing cases sent fear into the population. I responded by fasting and praying for the world. It took us a month to overcome the range of emotions. I thank God for the gift of community and neighbors with whom we tried to keep each other hopeful. Your prayers were felt here, and I hope you felt mine there.*

*In addition to my planning meetings with Karin, I continue to share resources remotely with the head teacher of Hope Primary who then passes them on to the teachers, since the government materials have not reached the camps yet. One of the most exciting developments is that I was invited to be involved in a teacher task force which is made up of representatives from numerous national and international NGOs, and Emergency in Education organizations. They are influencers in the region, and I was included to be one of them in their reports. They looked to me with questions, being as I am on ground, and have knowledge of what education in the camps actually looks like.*

*I have kept in touch with these other organizations to share ideas and brainstorm strategies, such as studying in shifts, to ensure students continue to learn. These are challenging times, but with your continued help ALI is ready to meet the challenges and make sure education in the name of the Lord continues."*



Karin and Winnie

As you can see, God is up to some amazing things even in the midst of hardship! ALI is making a difference because as a team, we are all working together to do our part in God's work. I want to personally thank you for your care for us. You are always such an encouragement to me because you come through over and over again, even when our usual course of action is interrupted, you are unflappable. Your flexibility and ability to pivot as God moves is inspiring to me. God is good all the time; all the time God is good... even during a worldwide pandemic!

We are praying over you and your families  
~ peace and health!

### Prayer Needs:

- Spiritual and physical protection over the population in the Uganda refugee camps, Winnie in Kampala, the leaders of each school, and the ALI team.
- Interest and investment of new people to join ALI as professional volunteers.
- God's vision and mission for us and school leadership as we work together to develop school culture which incorporates a growth mindset.
- Opportunities to work with the teachers during the transition back to in-person learning and to encourage and equip through newsletters, workshops and mentoring.
- Planning and networking for potential work with South Sudan educational leadership when refugees return to their country, by training trainers to empower teachers in the areas of literacy through active learning.
- Continued opportunities to give input to Education in Emergencies taskforce. Collaborating with the larger organizations on the ground in refugee camps.
- Finances for ALI to increase the current budget to include future work in South Sudan and adding national staff.

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