



AMAZING LOVE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sunshine Program
- Heart 2 Heart
- Debates
- Lightning damaged solar panels in the school
- Animal Farming
- Gardening Farming
- Construction of the girls dormitory

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello supporters and friends of [Amazing Love School](#) and welcome to our June Newsletter. For us here in North America, June brings lots of endings. We say goodbye to spring, as summer is finally upon us. The cold, biting winds in our not-so-distant past are finally gone.

Our elementary and secondary school-aged children will be finishing another year of school; but for the students of [Amazing Love School](#) in Nakyerere, Uganda, June and the remainder of the summer months mark a continuation of educational progress. Our students embarked upon Term 2 just a few weeks ago. This term will see them hard at work in the classrooms until the end of August.

As the village of Nakyerere, where the [Amazing Love School](#) is located, is predominantly an agricultural village, unpredictable rains make the families highly vulnerable to food insecurity. While we pray for enough rain to sustain the crops, read on to learn what some supporters have done to support the students and find out how you can help the students.

Finally, **ALDO** has done some spring cleaning, primarily with our website with a new design. Please check it out at <https://www.amazinglovedevelopment.org> to see new photos of the children along with engaging content. We are very proud of our revamped appearance and we hope you are too! Once you're done checking out our improved online space, continue reading on in our June newsletter, which gives you a glimpse into what has kept us busy for the first half of 2024.

We have lots of exciting updates to share with you.

- Sheilagh

End of First Term

The school closed for the Term 1 holidays, on May 3, 2024 and reopened for Term 2 on May 27, 2024. As our reputation for providing quality education continues to grow, so does our student body. We are proud to educate over 440 students who would otherwise have no educational opportunities. Our reports from the school indicate that students are actively participating in various activities and most of them arrived at school on time. The parents in the village and surrounding communities are very grateful and at the end of the term, the average attendance was 440 students.

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE SCHOOL

SUNSHINE PROGRAM

Both pupils and staff members were recognized during assemblies for the notable acts such as coming to school early, kindness, proficiency with English language skills, leadership, in addition to active board member and teachers.



DEBATES

Each term students prepare for debates, which not only assists their critical thinking and presentation skills, but also enables them to work on their English speaking skills. Last term the students debated on and were enraptured with the topic of “Computers should replace humans.”

Every week, different students take part in honing their oratory skills. Before they get on the stage, they do some research on the topic of the week and practice arguing their points, either as main speakers, (proposers vs opposers) or speakers for a short time when the debate is open to the floor.

Debates take place in the school every Monday afternoon. It was interesting to listen to the students deliver their arguments and to note their improved ability to express themselves in English.



HEART 2 HEART

ALDO continues to promote their Heart to Heart (H2H) program. The purpose is to encourage children to open up when they have problems they cannot share with parents, so they have guidance from a trusted mentor. Teachers also use this program to teach students about matters of hygiene and how to relate to the opposite gender.

Two sessions were held of H2H this term. The topics discussed included: personal hygiene, discipline, being helpful, kindness, obedience, taking care of school property, and many others.



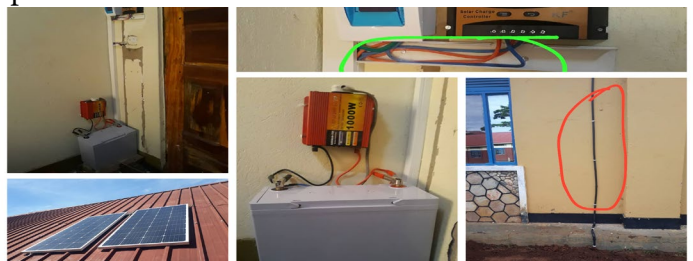
LIGHTNING DAMAGED SOLAR PANELS AT SCHOOL

Amazing Love School relies entirely on solar power.

In April a powerful storm wreaked havoc on the solar batteries, panels and regulators affecting the girls’ dormitory, dining hall, security office, part of the administrative block and all compound security lights. The majority of the school was plunged into darkness.



- A heartfelt thanks to VIVA church for providing emergency funds to repair, enhance and install lightening arrestors in the girls’ dormitory.
- Gratitude to the Rotary Club of Ajax for approving our request to restore solar power in the remaining parts of the school



ANIMAL FARMING

You will recall our livestock farming project that commenced in 2022 when we started breeding goats and rabbits. Recently, there was an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in most parts of the country. We called in the veterinary doctor who was able to attend at the school quickly and vaccinated our goats. We are happy to report that all animals are now doing well and a few goats have given birth.



GARDEN FARMING

The rains have been unpredictable. It was hard to decide when to grow food as rain was intermittent for only a few days at a time in addition to being unscheduled. We have plowed part of the land to plant because it is more drought resistant. We wanted to plant sweet potatoes, but it was very difficult to get the vines.

The Farm manager has engaged in vegetable growing around the school and this will include container gardens. His vision is to give each class a crop and to guide them in taking care of the crops. He is engaging the staff and students in farming. He is also training students on how to plant and make seedlings.



As our agricultural program continues to grow, **ALDO** is looking to build a **granary** to store harvested crops until the students are ready to use them. Building a **granary** will significantly reduce the insurmountable challenges we face in ensuring food security for our students and staff.



With erratic weather patterns and limited resources, accessing stable and nutritious food has become increasingly difficult. Hence, we are reaching out for support in constructing a **granary**.

Incorporating a **granary** into our feeding program significantly improves efficiency and sustainability. Purchasing grains and pulses in bulk, we can benefit from cost savings and maximize resources, allowing us to offer more nutritious meals to a larger number of students within our budgetary limits. The **granary** fosters food security and self-sufficiency in our community, empowering families to allocate resources to education and healthcare. It will also serve as an educational platform for students to learn about agriculture, nutrition, and food preservation, fostering practical skills and a deeper understanding of food security. With your support, we can turn this vision into reality and ensure that no child goes to bed hungry, no family faces food insecurity, and our community thrives in the face of adversity. Together, let's build a **granary** and cultivate hope for generations to come.

If you would consider sponsoring our granary project, please send an e-transfer to:

amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com

More to come...

NUTRITION PROGRAM

For those new to our newsletter, we want to share information about our Nutritional Program. The absence of regular rain significantly impacts crops, which means that villages who depend on agricultural harvests, like the village that is home to the [Amazing Love School](#), can experience seasonal starvation.

For years, **ALDO** has been running a nutritional program, which ensures the students receive at least one hot meal per day. For some of our students, this represents their only access to food each day. We are extremely thankful to our sponsors and donors whose generosity has enabled us to keep this program going for the past few years.

We are happy to report that our coordinated reach-outs that began in the spring of 2023 have resulted in 2 organizations, along with a number of individuals who have donated enough money to support the students for a 6-month period (from February until July 2024) Usually, the second term is the hardest because, if the crops survive the expected drought, food would not be ready for harvest. The program is very much appreciated by the students, and it has positively impacted the student attendance and attention in class.

The feedback we have received is that students are showing:

- Consistent attendance
- Increased enrollment
- Improved nutrition and reduction of hunger
- Improved performance

Your past contributions have made a tangible difference in the lives of our students, providing them with not only sustenance but also the opportunity to thrive academically. By supporting our feeding program, you are directly impacting student attendance, attentiveness, and overall well-being.

We request your continued support in ensuring that no child goes hungry at the [Amazing Love School](#).



Your donation, whether big or small, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of these children. It costs \$30 per child per term. If you would consider sponsoring a student in the nutritional program, please send an e-transfer to: amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com

CONSTRUCTION OF THE GIRLS DORMITORY



The construction of the girls' dormitory is well underway, thanks to the grant received by **ALDO**. Currently, the dormitory structure is fully roofed and capable of housing 60 girls. Remaining tasks include plastering, flooring, installing windows and doors, and outfitting the space with essential amenities. The goal is to boost female enrolment and retention rates in education while also challenging prevailing gender stereotypes.



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DID YOU KNOW? There are 50 tribes living in Uganda. Each tribe has its own culture and sometimes language. Amazing Love school allows their students to learn about all the cultures & tribes in addition to preserving their own.

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OCT 26 *Save the date* Venue TBD

ALDO Presenting our 5th annual
TASTE OF AFRICA
26 October 2024

A fun afternoon of Ugandan and other entertainment to benefit the children of Amazing Love School.

Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, delicious drinks (including authentic Ugandan tea), desserts & more!

Meet some of the children of the School.

Shop in the Amazing Love AKATALE (market) for Ugandan crafts, teas and even exclusive artwork from the children of Amazing Love School.

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