

Dear friends, family and supporters!

Here comes our Newsletter for the month of June, a month packed with lots of exciting things to look back at, as well as a number of health challenges and beautiful moments as we get to serve God together a family. We hope that you get encouraged to **see God move** in your own lives and communities as you trust in Him. We will share some great giving opportunities with you and would love for you to partner with us! 😊

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Ephesians 2:10

At the beginning of June, our dear daughter Jael hit two important milestones: she turned 5 years old and started pre-school. For her birthday, we had a special breakfast with a teddy bear-cake made by a dear friend and then got to spend a beautiful **family day** at the pool. A few days later, she got to celebrate a kids party at home with a "few" friends – 10 kids were invited, about 25 showed up. Welcome to Uganda, ha-ha. Here, it is very common for anyone invited to a party to bring along other friends or siblings, as well as to spread the word in the neighbourhood. We did have to cut the cake into smaller pieces so that everyone could have some, but the kids enjoyed it, together with lots of games such as freeze dance, pot hitting and playing in our yard. The third celebration of the week then took place at **Jael's new school-** a new little nursery school that belongs to a baby home in Jinja. Their concept is very focused



on play-based education, and one of the highlights is a former goat barn turned into a "Main Street" with many different play-businesses the children can explore. There, Jael learns and plays together with Ugandan and international children and is really enjoying it.

After a period of prayer and consideration, our family decided to start fellowshipping and building with "**Living Stones Family Church**" in Jinja. It is a small, family- and discipleship-focussed church which is part of the network of Four12 Global (More info: [Four12 Global](https://www.four12global.org/)). We really love the DNA of family and community that the pastors Richard and Sue are imprinting and being part of a church that takes the Great Commission very seriously. On one of the public holidays in June, Richard and



Sue opened up their beautiful home to the entire church family and we enjoyed a day of potluck, BBQ, games and a baptism in the Nile. In June, we also launched a **family group** at our home- a gathering of brothers and sisters from the same area that are committing to meeting at least weekly and sharing life together. The launch of our family group was a nice celebration, with good food, lots of visitors from other family groups and time to pray and worship.



For months, if not years, God has been speaking to us about **rescuing children** from difficult and dangerous places and giving them a safe home. As most of you know, we started stepping into this calling by giving several teenage girls and boys a home and serving the children on the streets in Jinja. Over the past weeks, we have seen the pace picking up and more doors opening. In June, we were able to help three boys leave the street life and start a new life at the farm. The first one, Misach (25), has been on the street for more than 10 years and severely addicted to inhalant drugs. He came to us suffering from severe Malaria and other health conditions, which were accompanied by detox symptoms. Having spent almost a month at the farm now, he is really a



changed person, gaining more confidence and starting to make plans for his future. Two weeks after Misach came, Douglas and Benjamin brought Yossam (16) and Suarik (14) home. Yossam had spent just 9 months on the streets and wishes to be reunited with his family, whereas Suarik has been on the streets since he was eight years old. They also came with some health conditions and Douglas spent several nights at the hospital with Yossam.



After two weeks at the farm, they are already doing much better, getting integrated into the community and taking part in the daily life and community,

This leads us to share a really **urgent and important cause** with you. As God has given us access to the community of children on the streets in Jinja, Douglas and Benjamin have been able to gain their trust and build relationships. Seeing people like Okecho, who came from the street



in November and is back at school now, come back to the street and encourage them, has been an important turning point for many, such as Misach. One Sunday, at Pastor F.'s church in Busia, Okecho and Misach got to share their testimony of how they **got to start a new life**, and people were extremely touched and encouraged. We are so excited to see how the transformation in their lives is already

impacting the people around them! The need amongst the children still on the streets is great, and many of them are willing to leave, asking Dauglas and Benjamin to go to the farm with them as well or help them reunite with their families.

We are intensively looking into good solutions for them, such as renting out a place in Jinja where we could provide continuous guidance by mentors or caretakers, or increasing accommodation and skill training at the farm to be able to provide space and a future for more of them. As you can imagine, the weekly outreaches on the streets, as well as the



medical bills, feeding, basic needs or school fees of those who live at the farm now, cost us a lot of money. Looking at further expanding this ministry is a **step of faith and will require lots of additional funds**. Would you consider giving specifically for this ministry? Even 25€ or 50€ a month can make a great difference in serving these children!

Concerning the health of our family, June was quite a challenging month. Besides the health



conditions of the boys from the street mentioned above, our home in Jinja was also dealing with quite a number of issues, such as our niece's broken arm which required her to get treated in Jinja, a bacterial infection that Jadon and Emmi went through and Dauglas feeling sick after taking care of Yossam at the hospital. On top of that, Melanie suddenly suffered from a disc prolapse in her spine and had to spend four days at the hospital. She is advised to continue resting enough, which isn't always very easy given the number of guests and people hosted in our home. However, it is a time where God is also teaching her how to receive help and **to live as part of a community**, as well as

to experience miracles in what seems to be a hard situation. On her follow-up appointment with the neurosurgeon, Melanie got to share about our family's ministry in Uganda and the doctor offered to start working alongside us for free and give free medical care to the children we get to serve. What a great miracle! At the end of the month, we were invited to the wedding of a good friend in Kampala, with Jael and Joyce as flower girls and Dauglas as one of the groom's men. It was a fun weekend and a nice opportunity for some quality time with people such as Benjamin or Esther, who also joined.



Looking back, June was a **month of important achievements** such as the completion of the new goats' stable and the improvement of the accommodation at the farm. At home, we got to progress in the furnishing of the house and making it more comfortable. We've introduced new family routines such as Saturday Movie Night & Pizza or a monthly family meeting every last Sunday, where everyone can share what has been going well and what needs to be improved. It has been a joy seeing our children -whether biological or grafted in- **grow in their knowledge of God's love** and just



become amazing people. We are so thankful to God for bringing many teenagers and young adults into our home that we get to pour into and watch grow. Besides the somewhat older children that will be coming from the streets, we also feel God leading us to prepare for taking into our home smaller children or babies in need of a safe place. That could include children whose parents cannot take care of them, whose parent(s) died or abandoned them and even children whose parents wanted to abort them and could be persuaded not to do so.



As our family, ministry and responsibilities are growing and God keeps opening more doors to serve people, so do our expenses. At home and at the farm combined, **we feed on average**



25 people on a daily basis, take care of their basic needs and try to take them out for lunch or a fun activity as often as we can. Twice a week, Benjamin and Dauglas get to meet with the children on the streets, provide them with snacks or lunch, buy soap for showering and clothes for them when possible. At the farm, we currently employ four people full-time, others part-time, and feed 90 goats and 300 chicken. These are

examples of our monthly expenses, which we cover through monthly, recurring donations. Currently, **we need 1000-1500€ of additional monthly funds** to be able to sustainably continue our work and ministry here in the long run. Would you consider coming alongside us with a recurring monthly contribution to see the ministry growing? 😊 Besides these monthly funds, we are in need of specific support for the ministry among the street kids- whether monthly or with a one-time donation. Other giving opportunities for one-time needs we are looking at

include the purchase of the land next to our farm (ca.10.000€), the water system and water pump for the farm (1500€), security lights at the farm (1300€) and more items needed at home (ca.1500€).

Please feel free to reach out for questions or more information, and **share our vision** with someone you think would love it! Our support goes through Global Nomads Germany (<https://germany.nomads.global/de/geldspende/>).

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We would love for you to check out this **new video on Youtube** where we share about our vision, what we do in Uganda, etc.: [A message from Uganda! Glory flow farm, Melanie and Douglas](#). We also finally got our Facebook page running and would love for you to follow us: @Glory Flow.

Lastly, we would like to share with you our **prayer requests** for the upcoming weeks:

- Protection from and wisdom on how to deal with all kinds of attacks against us
- Health for our family and those we get to serve
- Provision for the growing needs of our ministry
- Wise decisions about taking in more children, especially smaller children/babies

Thank you and God bless you!

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