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Special Praises for this Month:

Our CLIDE team is growing in unity and love for one another!

Our CLIDE Main office in Moroto is completed and soon to open!

We have several short term teams coming next year. We would love to add more members. We have a Discipleship team, Celebrate Recovery team, and Construction team. You are welcome to join!

Waffle and Dr. Val's Newsletter



An Enticing Aroma

The enticing aroma of chocolate cake baking behind our hut wafted through the air. I hopped up quickly to check on the delectables in our homemade wood-burning oven. They were perfect! 12 medium sized cupcakes, 20 little round balls, and one monster-big cupcake, for the birthday guy, Waffle. Pedro Simon Peter, one of our sponsored students, and I began decorating Waffle's cupcakes. Pedro is studying electrical engineering, but also took a side course in Bakery Arts. We encourage our sponsored kids to

a moment to meditate upon their alluring qualities: their olfactory delight, my gustatory preferences (chocolate with sour cream frosting), the aesthetics of possible icing designs, as well as the potential fragility of the crumbling texture. Although they all started out as similar globs of batter, after baking them, we planned each one to have a unique icing design: some polka-dotted, others with curvy lines or stars. Of course, taste-testing is mandatory,... while they are still warm. Mmmm Mmm! Looking back on their globular, amorphous state vs. the moist, flakey, baked cupcake, led me to some comparisons to my fellow-baker.

When Pedro first came into our lives, he was a scrawny, quiet fellow, not prone to interact or participate in conversation. He

would often fade away to a corner, then disappear suddenly, and not come back for several weeks. Coming from a broken home, he did not have a good father-figure, although he tried to care for his sick mother and young siblings as well as he could. Over the years, God has transformed this timid soul and given him purpose, meaning and a future. The Lord also provided a wonderful sponsor for him in school. As we all have walked side by side with him, his heart has become filled with joy. The Lord is at work in his life, bringing contentment and peace to his wounded heart. We are so happy that his life is now an enticing aroma to others, who see how God has made a difference in his character and well-being. God has taken him through the pains of his early life challenges and is transforming him into a godly young man.



gain a variety of skills, so that they can be well rounded and have multiple avenues for income generation. As Pedro and I held our warm, mini-cakes in preparation for applying the icing, I took



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Orphan Becomes # 1

Another of our rising stars is Simon Peter Longole (aka "SP"). SP is an orphan. When he was in sixth grade, his father was brutally murdered in cattle raid which resulted in all their animals and their wealth being stolen. His Mother got sick and died a few years later. He entered our scholarship program when he was in high school, wanting to be a pharmacist when he grew up. I put him to work during COVID time, helping us to research an herbal medicine: we formulated an oxymel

to fight respiratory infections. But now, a few years later, we are so happy to report: he has graduated from college in Pharmacy as the Number One, top in his school! He gained a solid reputation as a gifted, clever, humble young man, who was always willing to help his friends with their studies, so that they could also excel. He recently was able to get his pharmacy license to run a pharmacy in one of our villages here in Karamoja. SP is one of God's success stories!! HE would like to continue to university if he can get adequate sponsorships.



Mentoring and Modeling

Our students had an amazing time at the CLIDE Scholarship Retreat. Waffle loves to "torment" our students! (Meaning, he loves to challenge them, both physically and spiritually.) He wants them to think, learn, and grow deeper in their love for our Lord. At the retreat, he had a game called "Berserk". Each person has a pool noodle to hit a ball out of their team's area, into another team's area. He begins with one ball then adds several dozen. Chaos ensues: pool noodles going every which way: ultimately, leading to a discussion on whacking sin out of our lives and encouraging friends to come alongside to help us in our spiritual battles. The students loved it and I think Waffle got whacked a couple times as well!

We are so proud of these protégés and what God has accomplished



in them. They went through painful challenges to climb to where they are. Next year we will have graduated over 30 nurses, lab technicians, midwives, IT specialists, accountants, and teachers. Ascending from the depths of poverty, these kids make us proud. Several are now working in hospitals, schools and agricultural positions. What once was discarded, demeaned and discouraged, is now treasured, trusted and triumphant! These students are the living heritage of CLIDE. The future of Karamoja will be brighter with their lights shining.

You know, Waffle and I never had our own kids, but God knew what He was doing when He put us together. God inspired us to pour ourselves into these lives, to breathe life into their future. CLIDE members have also done an amazing job caring for them, mentoring them and teaching them to follow Jesus. We love working with our team and seeing the fruit of the Holy Spirit grow in all of our lives. Our theme for the retreat was II Corinthians 4:7: "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." Isaiah 64:8 echoes this "Oh Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." We continue to be thankful for all of the Beautiful lumps of clay God has all around us, including our own clay feet! We know that we are not just a glob of batter in a pan, or a muddy lump of clay, but we are the handiwork of an artist, who is still painting His masterpiece in our lives. May we all continue to be part of molding and making one another into the treasures that God intends us all to be.

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Prayer Points and Upcoming Events:

1. **Val's citizenship process is almost complete! Pray for the final approval to come soon.**
2. **Our Celebrate Recovery ministry is beginning. Pray for many to be freed from bondage to alcohol and drugs.**
3. **Our students are under a lot of temptation with the internet. Please pray for their commitment to follow hard after the Lord.**