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# Quarterly Update



## Experiencing God | Stories of Impact

Last quarter, we promised less talk from us and more stories from those we serve. God is moving mightily in East Africa (although, we can't say we're surprised), and we're still committed to delivering inspiring stories right to your inbox!

It's not enough to simply talk about goals, plans, and numbers. We want to demonstrate how the people of East Africa are actively experiencing the hope and love of Jesus despite challenging conditions. After hearing from Alanyo Violet and Jackson Moro, you'll find that God is so much bigger than our circumstances.

Read on to see how your commitment to serving, praying, and giving with 4africa has touched both individual lives and whole communities across the region. When you give each month, your contributions continue on exponentially. We're proud to promise that **100%** of your donations go directly toward our programs. Thank you, and let's keep the stories coming!

# 4leadership

## A Heart of Gratitude | Alanyo Violet, Leadership Program Student

One of the most challenging aspects of adulthood is balance. Balancing work. Balancing family. Balancing the intangible (but very real) spiritual, emotional, and psychological pieces of our lives. Though situations differ among cultures and places, the struggle for balance is universal.

Alanyo Violet learned that hard truth earlier than some as she experienced childhood trauma and family tension. She elaborated, "I am the first born in a family of seven. I was a shy and isolated girl who was traumatized when I was burnt with steaming porridge on my head at the age of eight. I got a big scar on my head. Secondly, I grew up with a step mother who denied me the motherly love I needed in my life."

But if you saw her now, you would never suspect a story like that. She has a new light in her that shines far brighter than any darkness she has experienced in her life.

When she began attending the Leadership Academy of South Sudan, Alanyo Violet was introduced to Jesus. She didn't just hear about him or read about him, she experienced him through the unity among students and staff at the Academy despite tribal differences. She recognized his unconditional love when her classmates came alongside her, wiped away her tears, and spurred her on toward a better life and a brighter future. Her mentors helped her find reconciliation – even when other parties did not agree – so that she could discover renewed hope and purpose for her life.

Today, she's a proud senior at the Academy, ready to graduate and not only pursue a career, but become a leader. Instead of hanging on to her hurtful past, she plans to use it for good:

"My vision is to stretch out a merciful hand embodied in the life of Jesus to all the needy children and orphans in South Sudan and beyond. I believe through the mentorship I have received at this school, I will achieve my dreams. I thank to God for His unwavering goodness to me."



### Q1 Numbers in Leadership

9

MasterCard®  
Scholarships Recipients

30

Successful Internships

42

Graduates accepted into  
Universities

## Finding Hope | Yafis Zacharia's Story

After losing touch with his family when war broke out in Sudan in 2014, Yafis Zacharia found himself in a refugee camp as a child. Being so young in a brand-new place filled with people from unfamiliar tribes and cultures, he felt completely lost without his family.

So, he did the only thing he knew. He did his chores, and he went to the settlement's primary school. Years passed, and after finishing primary, he was given the chance to attend a reputable secondary school in the area. He worked hard, and he loved learning, so it was no surprise that he passed his Ugandan education certification exam. He felt driven to continue his education, attend university and pursue a career, but he didn't have the resources. He could barely make ends meet for day-to-day living much less pay for college.

Yet Yafis Zacharia knew he couldn't give up on his dream. He decided to raise money for school by starting a business selling meat. He knew it would take a while, but it could work!

He put God to the side for a while, thinking he could focus on his faith later. He stopped going to church because Sunday was another day to do business. That's when things started to unravel. He explained, "I was mentally tortured to the point I had lost hope in the future. I could not even pray or hold a Bible."

Yafis Zacharia felt like he was swimming upstream trying to achieve his dreams....until his former teacher reconnected with him and told him about the Leadership Academy of South Sudan. As God would have it, they would be holding interviews in his area soon. He took that as a second chance and confidently passed his interview.



All it takes is a God-initiated turning point. After acceptance into the Academy, Yafis Zacharia told us,



"When I came to LASS, there was a complete transformation of my life. I embraced the discipleship curriculum, which was not the case in the Ugandan schools I attended. I am a changed person who can now pray and preach very well. I have also been taught to embrace unity in diversity as I see all people as brother and sisters regardless of tribe or origin. My vision is to speak out against tribalism in Sudan and beyond; and I believe through the mentorship I get, God will help me achieve my dreams."

We believe in the power of prayer. Thank you for praying and investing in young leaders like Alanyo Violet and Yafis Zacharia, our brother and sister in Christ – thank you for partnering with 4africa to be the hands and feet of Jesus.





## 4health | 4water

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving him thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

You've probably noticed by now that our work and ministry go hand-in-hand. 4africa's water and preventative health programs allow us to care for those in need while providing opportunities to share the gospel. As we moved from community to community this quarter, we provided clean, safe water to approximately 10,500 people through sustainable, community-led projects. While that's pretty great news, the fact that they heard the real, eternal Good News of Jesus is even more exciting! Through field devotions, well dedications, and interactive health forums, we were able to personally reach out to 3,682 people with the gospel in addition to holding 12 discipleship classes for non-believers and establishing 31 community-led Bible studies throughout the area we serve.

I know we said fewer numbers, but those were just too good to leave out! We thank you for partnering with us and praise God for moving mountains! Will you continue to pray with us as we enter the fourth quarter?

### Q1 Numbers in Health

# 7

Villages Declared Open  
Defecation Free

# 62

Mothers Attended  
Postnatal Sessions

### Q1 Numbers in Water

# 35

Completed Water Points

# 18

Future Water Partnerships  
Signed

## Equipped for Ministry | Jackson Moro's Story

When Jackson Moro first arrived at the Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Uganda after fleeing a hostile life in South Sudan, he had no idea what to expect. At just twenty years old, he planned to keep his head low and make do with what he had. Faith was already a priority in his life – that's what had gotten him this far – but he felt far from equipped to share it with others. Plus, he didn't want to make waves as a newcomer in an unfamiliar place.

But then, like he often does, God opened some surprising doors for Jackson Moro. 4africa team members recognized him as a Person of Peace:

"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him." Luke 10:5-6b (ESV)

Even in his quietness, his faith was apparent. He eagerly agreed to meet with them to learn more about God's Word and how to share the Good News with others in his community and school. At the beginning, Jackson Moro confessed, "I used to face difficulties sharing the word of God with my schoolmates, but today, I am empowered and strengthened to share the word of God."

Equipped with even more discipleship tools through Disciple Making Movement sessions, he feels more confident in studying the Word for himself and sharing that Truth with others.

He explained, "I am now enlightened to do more for the kingdom of God than ever before. So far we have six Discovery Bible Groups and formed a Scripture Union in my school where I serve as the chairperson."

Inspired by the Word and impassioned to help young people, Jackson is now the youth leader at the church where he worships. He is grateful for the privilege to grow in the Word of God, and it is his prayer that he continues to learn more every day to share the Word with his peers.

Sometimes we find it easier to give to tangible programs like water, health, and education, but with your continual prayer and support, we can also equip our ministry teams with resources that will impact souls, transform communities, and bring eternal hope for those who are searching. Thank you for helping young leaders like Jackson make a heavenly impact! Our faith is the cornerstone of all we do!



## Q1 Numbers in Ministry

31

Discovery Bible Groups Formed

3,682

Hearts reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ,

74

Baptisms in Refugee Settlement

## Feeling Motivated to Do More?

We are, too! This quarter was filled with progress, and (more importantly) it was filled with the power of God. Our team continually sets goals, and God continually exceeds them.

The best thing about partnering with a truly faith-based organization is that you can count on God to take what we bring to the table and use it for infinitely more. Without fail, we've watched him work through trials and few resources to make great things happen.

In the words of our friend Alanyo Violet, we aren't just faith-based, we are "Jesus-led." And we are so thankful that he led us to you. Together, we can bring lasting transformation to East Africa. [Read below how you can help!](#)

# PRAY

### Prayer Requests from Our In-Country Team:

Will you pray with us? We pray for strengthened mobilization efforts and for resources to go further in our programs. As we enter the last quarter, we pray for wisdom for our LASS candidates who are preparing to take the UACE Uganda examinations needed to enter University. We pray for successful drilling and rehabilitation efforts in the area we work – especially that community partnerships will be honored and eagerly fulfilled. We pray for the good health of all 4africa staff along with their



## Introducing Two New 4africa Board Members

### David Bell

Mr. Bell is owner of Orchestrate, an event company based in Atlanta, GA that specializes in the Corporate, Non-profit and Sports Industries.

Mr. Bell and his wife, Cheryl, live in Dadeville, AL (due to its proximity to Auburn!) and have 2 children. Mr. Bell spends as much time as possible out on the lake and serves at Auburn Community Church. He believes whole-heartedly in the vision of 4africa and loves the people who invest in making it happen everyday.



### Scott Soler

Mr. Soler has extensive investment experience, having analyzed securities and businesses for over 25 years across a broad range of industries. Mr. Soler founded Jackson Hill Advisors in 2016, where he serves as the General Partner and Portfolio Manager.

Outside of work, Mr. Soler serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee on the board of Every Village Ministries. Mr. Soler also serves Houston's homeless through Star of Hope. "I love the mission of 4africa, particularly helping the students at LASS develop in their roles as future Christ-centered leaders of East Africa."



“...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14 (NIV)

### Learn

Learning about a situation is the first step to helping. Engage the situation by becoming informed through research, newsletters, and testimonies, and ask God to impress opportunities to serve on your heart.

### Pray

Please keep our team in East Africa and in the U.S. in your thoughts and prayers for resources and wisdom to minister to others. That our local leaders maintain strength and faith through times of hardship. For lives to be transformed.

### Give

Our commitment to focused stewardship ensures donors that every dollar they contribute to our mission will be put to excellent use.

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