# A FRICANCE ENTERPRISE

"I'm ready to soar and thrive!"

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## Alice and Elizabeth thank you for helping them to learn tailoring skills

In the slum communities surrounding Nairobi, Kenya, the chatter of sewing machines is the sound of hope for many women like Alice and Elizabeth. And the key to helping them gain the skills they need to thrive ... is you.

Alice is 29 and a mother of four children aged between three and 10. When Alice's husband – the family's sole breadwinner – passed away three years ago, Alice was six months pregnant. Despite the loss and grief, she had to provide for her children.

She took up menial jobs like washing clothes, hawking fruit in the marketplace and running errands for pay.

Competition for these menial jobs is fierce, but Alice was grateful for God's faithfulness, and she earned an average daily wage of Kshs.350 (US\$3). Yet that was not nearly enough to pay rent, buy food, buy medicine for her sick mother and pay school fees for her children.

When Alice met African Enterprise Kenya workers and learnt about the local dressmaking and design course, she leapt at the opportunity to build her skills and earn a reliable income.

"My dream and vision are to start my own small dressmaking business at the market," says Alice. "I will specialise in making school uniforms and other textile products."

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"I am truly blessed to work with you!" Diana shares her story

God brought Anna into a happy and hopeful life through your support!

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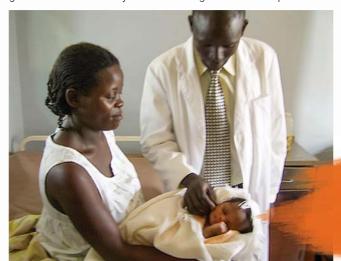
Diana shares her story from Ugan

Say hello to Diana, the administrator of Milne Medical Centre in Uganda. She works with African Enterprise to reach local communities across East Africa for Christ in Word and Deed. She sat down to share with you what a day on the ground in Uganda looks like - and the impact that your support is helping to create in people's lives.

"A typical day for me usually starts when I get to the office at 06:45am. It's not that I'm forced to come in that early, but because I must beat the traffic jams!

"I work as the administrator here at the Milne Medical Centre, coordinating operations for AEE to evangelise in Word and Deed. I lead partner engagement between Milne, AEE and clients, as well as community engagement and development initiatives.

"I'm responsible for financial controls and monitoring the health centre's operational performance. I also establish and maintain relationships and lead community dialogue for the growth of the ministry of AEE through Healthcare provision.



"We've been working hard in the COVID situation to give people of the community access to information about the virus, as well as treatment and vaccines.

"There are so many wonderful things about my work as an administrator and working with AEE-Uganda at the Milne Medical Centre. I love the people I work with and the culture of the organisation.

"Contributing to a larger purpose – evangelising the cities of Africa in Word and Deed - gives me meaning and purpose. We all have unique talents and things that we are good at. If we feel that what we do makes a difference for others, this gives us motivation to keep doing it even though there may be times when the going gets tough.

"It's been wonderful to come up with creative ideas to improve the facility, analyse complex data to create simple solutions for the community, and see the team grow and develop. I am truly blessed to be doing this work with them - and with you!"

Thank you for helping people like Diana show God's love in Word and Deed. Please continue to pray for her and the team in East Africa as they help to reach every level of society for Christ.

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AE staff continually encourage her to keep trusting in God, which has helped restore her faith after the pain of losing her husband. Six months into her course, she is growing in her skills, her confidence – and her faith.

One of Alice's classmates, Elizabeth, is 19 and lives with her husband and one-year-old daughter in Korogocho slums in Nairobi. Elizabeth's dream of pursuing higher education was hindered by her lack of school fees – and soon after she left school, she got married.

Her family struggled to meet their needs. Elizabeth's pastor, seeing the family's difficult circumstances, referred her to Mathare Women's Project, where she enrolled in the dressmaking and design course.

"My life has been transformed because I will not just be a housewife, but I will be able to use my skills to build my life and care for my family," says Elizabeth.

She has almost completed the training and is already looking forward to beginning her own business – and building a better future for her daughter and family. She says:

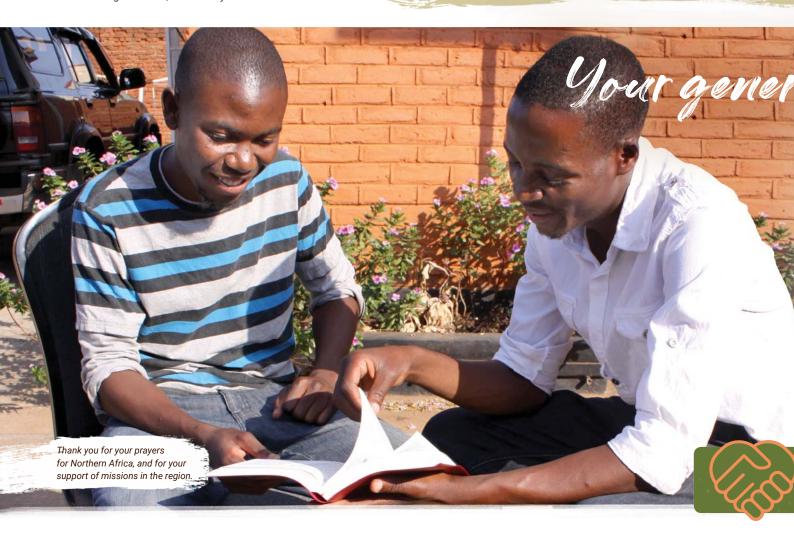
"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to study. I'm certain that I would never have afforded the funds to pay for training – but through AE now, I am ready to soar and thrive!"



Your support and prayers make it possible for Alice and Elizabeth – and many more women in similar situations – to receive practical training and spiritual support to not only build their skills but also to grow their faith. Thank you!

Please pray for God to continue providing for Alice and her family and ask that He will heal her mother, who is struggling with illness.

Please also continue to pray for the resources to enable African Enterprise to continue supporting Alice, Elizabeth and the other vulnerable women who have registered with the class.



God brought Anna into a happy, hopet

When Anna's husband suddenly abandoned his family, Anna found herself struggling to provide for her two children alone. She was on the brink of despair.

"I passed through a very hard time," Anna says.

"I reached a point when I decided that there was no choice but to commit suicide. But my heart thought about my children, and I couldn't do it."

Anna met the team from African Enterprise and encountered the Gospel ... and her life dramatically changed.

"Accepting Christ not only changed my spiritual life but brought the smile on my face," she says. "When I humbled myself to Jesus, everything was new. I felt hope in my heart, comforted, and realised the true love of Christ. I believe that God wanted me to know Him through AE, where my happy and hopeful life started."

Anna now is volunteering with the team at AE and is living a purposeful and happy life with her children. She says: "My passion is to reach other people through AE."



Thank you for your support to reach more people just like Anna with the message of

### is helping to transform North Africa

Your update from AE workers in North Africa is anonymous for safety reasons. Despite opposition and uncertain political climates, there is a thirst for the Gospel and many people are accepting the Good News. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of mission in the region and for your prayers for North Africa.

God is still at work in North Africa and, thanks to your prayers and support, doors continue to open for the Gospel. People continue to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, being baptised and becoming His disciples.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases are increasing in much of the region, including Algeria and Tunisia. African Enterprise activities – Bible studies, discipleship training and Sunday services – are done online. The region has been in lockdown for most of 2021, but everyone is learning to adapt.

You may have also heard that there have been significant political changes in Tunisia. There was a fear that there would be insecurity, but the country is quite stable. But the population

largely sees the President fighting against corruption, which they appreciate.

Please continue praying that God will give more wisdom to the political leaders, so they can carry out their mission for the wellbeing of the whole population.

The feeling shared by many on the ground is like the one described in 1 Samuel 3:1 – "The word of God had become rare at that time, and there were not many visions". Yet God is at work. As Jesus said, the harvest is plentiful; many people are interested in the Bible teachings. The challenge is that workers are few!

God is working through your generosity to raise up more workers to reach people who are hungry and thirsty for the Gospel and need Him so much. May God continue to bless each one of you and use you more for His glory.



### Your invited

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- · Learn how you can apply successful principles to your own community.
- Celebrate and fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters from across the world.

Sign up today at proclaimcongress.com and join the congress from 7-9 December 2021.

## Thank you

#### for coming on mission with the Newetts and thousands more friends from across Australia!

Way back in 1991 in Ulverstone, Tasmania, Rev. Neville and Mrs Meryl Newett had the privilege and joy of hosting the African Enterprise Ugandan Team Leader Rev. Edward and Mrs Vasta Muhima. This was the beginning of a growing love and heart for the people of Africa, as the Newetts share in their story:

We've been blessed to see, by the providence and grace of Almighty God, a vast and mighty mission across Africa. It's been a joy to join this mission of bringing the message of God's salvation and the 'Good Samaritan' ministry of love and care to countless multitudes across that great continent.

It's our pleasure to join with you and many more partners across the world in supporting our African brothers and sisters. These devoted, faithful servants and their sacrificial ministry are an inspiration, example, challenge and blessing to all of us.

As John Wesley said many years ago, "Best of all, God is with us", and we can add, He is still loving and blessing each one of us as we serve - and there is yet more to do!

#### Thank you ...

for joining with so many like the Newetts and coming on mission to share the Gospel with the people of Africa in Word and Deed.

# A message for you FROM STEPHEN

#### **Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Next year, 2022, is African Enterprise's Diamond Jubilee. Since a young Michael Cassidy founded African Enterprise in South Africa, we have soldiered on unimpeded, proclaiming the saving grace of Jesus.

This is a testimony to your prayers and your support – so thank you for standing steadfastly with this ministry.

So far, you have helped to reach ten countries in South, East, Central and West Africa. And God is calling us to start new teams in Zambia and in South Sudan, the

youngest African nation. Already a lot of encouraging preliminary work has been done in these countries. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom for these plans!

Even in the COVID-19 pandemic, your support and faithful prayers have helped to ensure that "... the Word of God is not bound!" (2 Timothy 2:9). The Teams continue to use innovative approaches to spread the Gospel, and many hearts are being reached.





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