



Elaine with children in Bombo, Uganda

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# Align Ministries

Making a difference here and for eternity, one life at a time



Millie has AIDS and has 3 children still living.

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## Mission Statement

To partner with local churches, to reach people for Christ, giving hope to the hopeless and to comfort the sick and hurting. Our aim is to move "at-risk people and families" from crisis and despair to empowerment and a self-sustaining quality of life. We will do this by utilizing a "tool box" approach to provide resources in order to help families survive and thrive into the next generation. To break the cycle of poverty, disease, and illiteracy thereby making these people productive members of their community.

Scripture is clear, we cannot wait for someone else to do it, we need to act now!

### James 2:14-17 (NIV)

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead.

## Align Ministries: Our Vision

Our vision at Align Ministries is to see people throughout the world come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. To see at-risk people regardless of a person's religion, race, ethnicity, gender or political belief have an opportunity for basic health, nutrition, clean water and education and to thrive in their community. For families to be healthy and stay together and grow, for children to flourish in their community and given an opportunity to excel as God would have them.

World Vision founder Dr. Bob Pierce wrote on the fly-leaf of his Bible, *"Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God."* Our heart has been broken and our desire is to be sensitive to what breaks God's heart and then have the wisdom and discernment to do His will in following the leading of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Vision is to see people and families who are affected by HIV/AIDS and any other illness, disease or injury stay together and become healthy physically, mentally and most importantly spiritually. We desire to keep families together and the children raised by their parents instead of being placed in orphanages

while their parents die alone and without dignity.

There are as many orphaned children in Africa as there are people in the State of California, this is staggering. Align Ministries as so many other non profit organizations wants to address this huge problem. Many organizations are building orphanages for these children, which of course is much needed. But what can we do to prevent so many children from being orphaned and placed in orphanages.

At Align Ministries we are in the business of **PREVENTION** and keeping families together. Let's prevent these children from going into orphanages and being separated from the people they love. No child wants to be separated from their family. To do this we need to meet the basic needs of each family member. Not just the children, who seem to get all the attention and draw for sponsorship, but the parents or caregivers as well. This way the caregivers or parents will stay healthy long enough to be able to raise these children to an age of independence.

In so many cases, the death of

the parents or caregivers could have be avoided or at least postponed until the children were old enough and have been given the right "tools" to take care of themselves.

We have to ask ourselves, how many orphanages can we build and manage? We need to change our thinking and approach to this monumental problem and concern. Instead let's do everything we can to address the needs of these families and **prevent** them from being torn apart. Let's keep them together; we can do it with your help! We need to provide "tools" for the parents or care givers to keep them healthy so they can support and care for their children. Our goal will not be to place them in a position of dependence on outside resources, like our welfare system; but to give them a boost so they can become productive members of the community. We have seen what "welfare" does to a society; it removes motivation to succeed and personal dignity. Our goal is to empower and give families a helping hand to move forward. It will allow parents to be parents and take care of their children.

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### A Success Story

Millie is a good example of how a little help goes a long way. When we visited Millie and her 3 children just a few months ago she was very ill due to HIV/AIDS her husband brought home to her. She has lost her husband and 7 children to AIDS. Because of her illness she was unable to work in her garden. This garden had provided the means for her to pay for her ARV's (HIV/AIDS Medication) and food for her children. After receiving help from the local church through Align Ministries she is now strong enough to work in her garden and is selling her yams to pay for her ARV's. Millie is a proud, hardworking woman that wants to provide for her family. When we met and talked with Millie she had no hope, she had just about given up. Millie now holds her head high and proud that she can help take care of herself and her family. All of the credit went to the local church; Align Ministries was never mentioned to Milly or anyone in the community. The local church remains the beacon of hope, as a result Millie accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Millie is one of millions of woman suffering with the HIV/AIDS virus in Africa. Her story could be duplicated over and over again. Please help us to empower the church and people to move forward and be productive members in their communities.

### Matthew 25: 35-40 (NIV)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Then the righteous will answer Him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go visit you?

The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

### Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

And if anyone gives even a cup of water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

## ALIGN MINISTRIES TOOL BOX

Many of the people we have met in Uganda would do anything to get out of their situation. They often cannot, because they are trapped by spiritual lostness, a corrupt government, poverty, illness and disease, and a lack of an education or illiteracy. We know that often individuals are overwhelmed with their circumstances. Dealing with one significant factor, say poverty, may allow an individual to deal with that issue; but what if they are not only extremely poor, but sick and their children are sick and there is no food. They have lost hope. In fact we had one woman ask us, "Are you telling me there is hope".

I could not imagine living without hope. I recently went through cancer treatment. Without hope and faith in God I would never have been able to keep a positive attitude. To give them hope, we want to meet their immediate needs. We want to move them to a place where they can be self-sustaining and

no longer dependent on support or aid. By doing this we are showing God's love in a practical way and showing them there is hope in Jesus Christ.

With that in mind, we work through the local church making them the beacon of hope for the community. You will not see Align Ministries taking credit for any of the ministry opportunities we are involved in. Jesus Christ and the local church MUST get the credit.

We use the "Tool Box" concept, because not every person or family has the same needs. Some need specific medications for a flair-up of malaria, some need extended medications for HIV/AIDS, while others need nutrition and assistance with daily food.

Others need an education, or job training so they can work and be productive in their community.

Our tool box will contain some very basic tools:

- Prayer

- Medical Treatment
- Dental Care
- Medications as needed
- HIV/AIDS medications
- HIV Testing
- Malaria medication
- Treated Mosquito Nets
- Food and Nutritional Supplements
- Health Care Prevention Education
- Literacy Education
- School Tuition
- Clothing and Shoes
- Counseling
- Clean Water Projects
- Micro-Enterprise - Job/Business Opportunities

Join us in making a difference for here and eternity, one life at a time.



Pastor Alex distributing food

The proof of our sincerity is in the doing, not just in the knowing. Stormie Omartian