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The visit of Vivian Glyck, founder of Just Like My Child, to Bishop Caesar Asili Memorial Hospital in May 2006 has been a great breakthrough for the many problems faced by the population in the area because of lack of facilities to provide essential health care.

A few months ago, the hospital was working in darkness, losing vaccines, medicines and re-agents due to lack of electricity for refrigeration. Patients were advised to go kilometers away to look for a doctor, to have their tests, examinations and x-rays done. **The HIV/AIDS patients had no hope** as many were dying and weren't seeking antiretroviral treatment because they did not know their HIV status.

Like a mother, Vivian felt as though it was her child that was missing vaccines and treatment, being treated in darkness, risking not to be born alive, needing a doctor to treat her, missing education, going through fears and uncertainty of life. **She felt as though she was watching her child or loved one die because there is no help.**

Like a mother, she understood and felt that something must be done and done immediately to save the situation and created Just Like My Child. Since her visit, **Vivian and her board have not sat down for one moment until something started to happen.**

In just a few months time, much has been achieved. Through her hard work together with her Board members, **Bishop Asili Hospital already received:**

1. **A power generator** in October 2006 to provide electricity to the hospital solving huge problems of power and saving medicines, vaccines, reagents, and life in many ways.
2. **An orphan has received a scholarship** and a great possibility for education, and other children will go to school through the support of Just Like My Child Foundation.
3. **A full-time doctor has been recruited** through the support of the Foundation and is resident at the hospital to provide 24-hour treatment for the population
4. **A CD4 Cell Count Analyzer machine** has been given to the hospital through the Foundation to test the blood of the population, identify the HIV virus and help them have access to antiretroviral treatment so that they may live longer and sustain their families.

Many other things are in the pipeline by Just Like My Child Foundation. **The people in Luweero, Nakasongola and Nakaseke have started to see light and have hope.** They have started to live because somebody feels as though all children are just like her child.

Gratefully yours,
Sr. Ernestine Akulu,
Founder, Bishop Asili Hospital

