



Aspen Re ambassadors visited Kiwoko Hospital with ISIS, which improves young lives in Uganda

Children first for ISIS

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Since 2007, Aspen Re has developed a strong partnership with The ISIS Foundation (www.isisgroup.org). The Foundation's purpose is to 'work side by side with children and communities in remote areas in Nepal and Uganda to improve their lives'. Approximately half of Uganda's 34.5m inhabitants are under the age of 15. Uganda has the third highest birthrate in the world, but it also has a significant infant mortality rate.

Aspen Re mainly supports health projects at Kiwoko Hospital in rural Uganda, servicing a population of 500,000 people and offering a wide range of medical services. Together, Aspen and The ISIS Foundation have provided the hospital with a new and expanded neonatal intensive care unit and a brand new maternity ward that saves thousands of lives that would have otherwise been needlessly lost.

In September I was fortunate to be selected as one of seven Aspen employees

to participate in the annual ISIS-Aspen Ambassador trip to Kiwoko Hospital to experience first-hand the wonderful outcomes of this partnership. The trip gave me the opportunity to tour the hospital, meet the doctors and nurses, call upon families in the community who receive treatment and nutrition services from the HIV department and play with children living with HIV.

As part of the life-changing trip, I was able, together with my Aspen colleagues, to run the Kiwoko Chase – a 16.5km run through the bush. Fundraising is part of a continued effort by Aspen staff to help the lives of families from the Kiwoko community and we have raised over \$400,000 for ISIS since the start of our partnership. To date, the Aspen Ambassadors have raised over £5,000 for the Kiwoko Chase, but we would welcome your support!

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