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Journey to Uganda



Rex Foord and Nick Foord greeted at Entebbe airport by Director Anne Wandendeya and Paul Tiboti (former sponsored child), October 2017.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after orphans and widows in their distress

AUSTRALIANS SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN UGANDA

Greetings from Anne. Bushikori Annual Report December 2016.

Greetings to all sponsors, prayer partners, and supporters of BCC. To God be the Glory for Indeed, great things he has done; thus far he has brought us.

How I look back and see the wonderful blessings of God we have seen on this humble mission as was given by the lord to the late Rev. Samuel John Wandendeya who shared the vision far and near. It is written in Habakkuk 2:2-3. For the vision is yet for an appointed time but at the end it shall surely speak....Though it tarry wait for it.

The year 2016 has been an exciting year as well as challenging. Despite all this, we have seen the lord moving upon the hearts of his people to support the ministry in various ways with many testimonies. The organization has grown through the grace of God by prayer and sacrificial giving of the servants of the lord who have supported this ministry for more than 20yrs. We have seen many Ugandan children's lives transformed and develop into responsible adults of their generation. In child care program six students graduated bringing the list of university graduates to 144 in different courses over the years. We look forward to the remaining 268 in various levels to graduate.

In provision of healthcare, BCC has reached over thirty- two (32) villages and served a catchment area of 23,000 people. The health Centre has In-patient and Out-patient, laboratory, maternity, HIV testing and counselling, antenatal and family planning services as well as providing regular vaccination out reaches. This year BCC has visited the community through medical camp, and treated 626 clients and 65 units of blood was donated.

Joshua primary school continues to be a great inspiration in providing education opportunities to the needy children in our community and beyond. We now have 353 children in primary section and 105 in nursery. We are also grateful the excellent performance in the PLE results ranking us one of the best schools in the district for five straight years.

With exceptionally good cooperation and support from the Australian Support Committee (ASC) as our major partners, Pink Umbrella foundation, Friends of Bushikori Christian Centre (FBCC), U.K partners at individual and cooperate levels, other Development Partners —Pace, Profam, Ministry of Health ABT consultants, and Local Government, and all the other stake holders have collectively made very solid progress on all major fronts i.e. Child sponsorship program, Joshua Primary school and the Health Centre. Its amazing how God has supplied all our needs; he is always sufficient when need arises. We bless the lord for the blessing of the Joshua primary school multipurpose hall provision which is under construction. As we face the coming year 2017, we have the conviction, determination and faith that the lord will provide all our needs according to his riches in glory. Philippians 4:1.

Together with the BCC team, I am delighted to say that we are grateful to each and every individual, family, the Australian support committee (ASC) , Pink Umbrella Foundation, Churches in Australia, as well as schools, in Geelong, Ministry of Health, Kolonyi Hospital ,Mt Elgon Hospital, PACE, UHMG, STAR E ,Malaria consortium ,ABT consultant /USAID, Local government, BCC Mbale Regional Referral Hospital, partners from the UK, PONT Mbale

Cluster, the Executive Board, Alumni of BCC and staff. We cannot thank everyone enough, words fail us yet we cannot hold back what we feel in our hearts, my sincere appreciation to you all.

Devotedly yours,

Anne Leah Wandendeya



Highlights from the Alabaster Youth Bible Camp 9-13 May 2017

- 80 young adults attended the camp.
- 47 young adults accepted to follow Christ.
- Child Evangelism Fellowship distributed free books to the campers and counselors. The books, entitled "Understanding True Love" are a guide on how to make decisions in life.
- The testimonies revealed that lives were transformed. God's glory was manifested.
- New friendships and relationships were created.
- Camp was so successful to both Children and staff as our faith was strengthened through the teachings.

By Bushikori Child Care Dept.

The Geelong Hall.

"We have so many people of faith around us. Their lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way. And we should remove the sin that so easily catches us. Let us look only to Jesus. He is the one who began our faith, and makes our faith perfect."

- Hebrews 12 vs 1-2

We give thanks to God for His faithful provision and protection and for the generous support of so many Bushikori friends from Geelong, Australia.

Commissioned 25th October 2017

(Words above were engraved on the plaque, unveiled by Rex Foord and Anne Wandendeya)



Tertiary Update.

A unique advantage of sponsorship through Bushikori is that students are supported through tertiary or vocational education. This completes their final education and most of them are able to find meaningful employment with the qualifications they have gained.

Unlike Australia, in Uganda there is no HECS, no welfare payments, no Youth allowance, and no way to get a loan unless the family own land. Education is the means whereby young people are able to find employment and a future, this is one of the great blessings of sponsorship through Bushikori.

The Richard Stone Tertiary fund ensures all sponsored children have the opportunity to do one post secondary education course.

It is a blessing that most sponsors can continue to sponsor their child in a course at either the full rate or partial rate however the Richard Stone Fund works to ensure any shortfall is met and that all sponsored children receive the same opportunity.

Uganda, East Africa

BCC THANKYOU LETTER

Date: 13/09/2017

Name of Child: SIRUS KANDA ID: #1093

Sponsor Name: JOHN WATTS Country: AUSTRALIA

Date of Registration: 2003

Start Level: PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieved Level: DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

Remarks:

Sirus Completed and graduated from his course in Public Administration and has even returned to university for a degree program on scholarship from the institution. Many thanks to his sponsor through the Australian Support Committee for helping him achieve such a great result's you've changed his life

Grace Kwanendega
Grace

Child Coordinator

Mathew 28:19-20; 25:31-40 "People living dignified and sustainable livelihood"

(Sirus graduated from his course paid for by a sponsor and now will continue on through his own efforts)

Equipment for Maternity Ward.

The Geelong College Junior school raised \$1600 in late 2016. The children themselves decided to hold a fun run - every child from Prep to Grade 3 ran. The teachers were going to buy them each an icecream but the Head boy said in Uganda children do not get this so he wanted the money they would use to buy the treat sent to Uganda instead. Some classes were going to hold a concert play for their parents so they decided to charge each parent a fee of \$1 to come in and see.

Here in Geelong we had hand knitted items donated by a supporter that would cost \$363 to post to Bushikori. The jumpers would be ideal for new born babies With the funds raised we posted 17 baby rugs, 61 jumpers and 32 hats. With the remaining \$1237 raised by Geelong College Junior School, Bushikori purchased equipment for the Maternity Ward.

David (Clinic Officer at Bushikori) wrote: "We purchased several pieces of equipment to better serve the growing needs in the area of health care - with a focus on babies and mothers.

Autoclave sterilizer and sterilization drum; our current autoclave has a 10litre capacity, it came in with first container from Australia (1998) and can no longer serve the increasing needs. So we bought a new 24litre that will help us have sterile sundries to conduct not only deliveries but help with the entire clinic - the family planning area, general in/outpatient to mention but a few.

Neonatal Resuscitation

We have used part of the funds to improvise a resuscitation trolley, we acquired a multi-purpose trolley and custom made warm lighting to help our midwives resuscitate (where need be) we will also adequately examine every new born baby at bushikori with this equipment. On average, we are now conducting 7-10 deliveries each week so we are excited about being able to improve in that area of service delivery.

PVC lined mattresses

We also took this opportunity to purchase new mattresses for mothers and the neonates to have a place to rest before they leave the postnatal wards. We try to have them in the clinic for 24 hours but most of them want to return home almost immediately.

Drug trolleys

We bought a trolley to help move procedure equipment and drugs to the bedside- this will help us be more appropriate and a lot more professional in that area as we often hand carry them- which makes sterility and procedures difficult to follow.

We bought **a theater stool** for the midwife to sit on as she



anywhere between 8-14 hours so this will be appreciated by our midwife. **Additional equipment included gumboots, aprons and mucous sucker for neonates.**

We are moved by how the little things we do in love go a long way in making a huge difference and saving many lives - we want to say thank you to the Geelong College children and just say how much they have been a blessing to many Bushikori born babies in helping them be born in a cleaner, healthier environment, a privilege that may not be held by every one."

Ways people help..

Thank you to Milly and Lucy Elridge who had a lemonade stall raising \$20. Bushikori put this towards buying a swing set for the Nursery children, as they consonantly wanted to play on the monkey bars but proceeded to get hurt, therefore needing something of their own.

Thank you to Arabella and Stella for making cupcakes and lemonade to sell, raising \$32. This will be put towards the Annual Christmas gifts each sponsored child gets (a gift of rice, sugar, soap and Vaseline).

Thank you to St Johns Highton for the use of the meeting room for our recent AGM, and Church by the Bay for the printing of our AGM booklets as a gift donation.

Thank you to a group of friends who held a Ploughmans lunch fundraiser raising \$2291. We are putting this towards the Christmas Gatherings occurring in four different areas around Bushikori, allowing all sponsored children to have attention, mentoring and a little gift (The budget for these gatherings is \$4300).

Thank you to all those who give us their concession stamp booklets for us to use – every saving helps!

Thank you to all those who came to our film Fundraiser: Queen of Katwe on the 9th December 2016. We raised \$1765! Thank you to Readings Cinema Waurn Ponds for screening a film set in Uganda!

Thank you to all who came to the High Tea, together we raised \$3719. \$1171 was used for a laptop plus extras for Bushikori Uganda, leaving \$2548 for the Richard Stone Fund. Thank you to Belmont Uniting for the donation of your kitchen and rooms. A BIG thank you to the wonderful Friends of Bushikori for the impressive catering.

TOP: Nursery Swing Set.
MIDDLE: Milly & Lucy Elridge and their Lemonade stand.
BOTTOM: Arabella & Stella with their cupcake and lemonade stand.



Transferring of Treasurers.

Bushikori is an organisation of relationships. As volunteers we do it for love and with love, so as such staffing changes are felt deeply. Ian Macaulay's time as Hon Treasurer ceased as of the September 2017 committee meeting, he will be missed.

When Ian began his tenure as Hon Treasurer in 2007 he built on the work of before in the area of record keeping, transforming the manual bookkeeping practises. This allowed for increased "big picture thinking". Ian also brought to ASC valuable experience in management practises, and has been the key to unlock growth in many of us, allowing us to grasp different ways of doing, and looking at, issues and practises.

In his first year Ian devised the concept of the Gifts/Welfare pool as a vital way to assist those with special needs, poverty stricken families, children with elderly sick guardians. This fund was to allow Bushikori Uganda to give immediate aid when needed.

Ian has guided us through funding the building of the Richard Stone Complex (two classrooms and a toilet block) Stage 1 & 2 of the Multi purpose Hall, and transport vehicles.

Ian's wisdom showed the need for the sponsorship fee increase of 2014, and Ian's knack of knowing when to transfer to Uganda to get the best exchange rate suggests divine assistance! In his role Ian was a passionate advocate for all Bushikori supporters and sponsors, at all times he held firm to being the best steward possible of all we have been blessed with. Aside from Ian's many skills we all appreciate his humour, and his caring heart.

Thank you Ian!

Rick Peacock began the role of Honorary Treasurer with Bushikori in October 2017. Rick began his working life in the Bank of New South Wales and during his twelve years there (1969- 1981) held various positions as bank officer, securities, overseas, data centre and second in charge of staff.

Rick has spent many years volunteering in treasurer roles for community groups:- five years for the Eltham small bore rifle club (1969-1974), fourteen years for Eltham Little Theatre (1974-1988), four years for Portarlington Kindergarten (1996-2000), and eleven years for the Bellarine Agricultural Society (2006-2017). Many of these required involvement in funding renovations, obtaining Government grants and interacting with Councils. Rick has been a supporter of Bushikori since 1998, joining the Committee March 2017.

To contact Rick phone (03) 52593718 or email treasurer@bushikori.org.au



Challenges for 2018

Sponsors falling behind on their payments drain our limited resources as we must send \$120 for each sponsored child in Primary and Secondary every Jan, May and September whether a sponsor has paid it or not. This is why sponsorship is aimed at paying for the month/s coming not those that have past. We are seeking to develop a better system of respectful yet effective collection.

There is a need to increase the reach of BCC Australia, which will have a flow on effect of maintaining key support funds such as teacher's wages, tertiary funds, and the general fund which pays for the Bushikori Uganda staff, and running costs of the centre.

Please Remember..

When depositing in BCC bank account please send Rick an email letting him know when you deposited and for whom and for what ie hostel, sponsorship, welfare. We still have some unidentified deposits we are holding awaiting more info.



**Bushikori
Uganda
Management
Staff 2017**



Anne Wandendeya
Director: 1998 - present
BA. Development Studies
with NGO Management.



Moses Nangwale
Human Resources Officer
Dip. Business Studies



Florence Nabwire
Finance Officer
BA. Business Administration.



Phylis Lunyolo
Finance Assistant/ Cashier



Grace Wandendeya*
Sponsor Relations Coordinator
BA. Engineering & Building.



Steven Wanda
Child Field Facilitator



Mary Wandendeya
Child Field Facilitator
BA. Social Work & Admin.



Robert Wambomba
Acting Head Teacher at JPS
Began 2017



Lydia Watera
Teacher in Charge of Curriculum at JPS
Dip. Education.



Levert Wafula
Clinic Officer
Dip. Clinic Medicine



David Wandendeya
Clinic Officer
Dip. Clinic Medicine

*(*Grace was also the Construction Manager on: Maternity Toilet Block 2009, Health Centre 2009, Maternity Ward 2012, Staffroom 2012, and The Geelong Hall 2013-2017)*

Partnering with you to improve their Community.

Thanksgiving Day.

As a conclusion to the prayer month, we gathered clothes, shoes, food, soap, and tooth paste to form a Jesus Market which we shared with some of our very vulnerable and needy guardians.

The thanksgiving celebrations started off with a lovely breakfast. It was great for the staff to share a meal with these friends as breakfast is a privilege to most people in this community. This started off the day on a high and exciting note with satisfied smiles! We enjoyed praise, worship and prayer which ushered in God's word from Pastor Richard Ekamu - a teacher at JPS- who taught about trusting in the Lord.

Bushikori is a home for many; it has given a great foundation to all who are privileged to be associated with the sponsorship program. We are very grateful and the alumni

association is willing and organizing its members to give back to Bushikori. They were well represented and we were honored to listen to heartwarming testimonies from some Alumni who came and contributed towards purchase of some of the gifts that were distributed to the twenty five invited guardians.

We give glory to God for the far he has brought #600 Humphrey Kulyate (Now married with three children and working with National Medical Stores), #427 Steven Wandendeya (married with three children and working with BIDCO Uganda) Joshua Makika (married with two children; a practicing lawyer) #935 Paul Magombe (a teacher) #901 Grace Wanendeya (Construction Manager doing social work at BCC) #905 Mary Wanendeya (a social worker at BCC), #597 Steven Mangali (a man of many trades – plumber, farmer, member of the clergy, Phylis Lunyolo – Administration Assistant

at BCC and #1147 Deborah Namasaba (a lawyer) who were all present to share about the far God has brought them through Bushikori.

In her speech, the director – Mrs Anne Wandendeya spoke about our greatest friend Jesus Christ who has sustained Bushikori for the sake of all of us. She encouraged the guardians to appreciate the gift of sponsorship as partners of Bushikori; she emphasized the need for the guardians to support their children as they trust in God who has enabled others to succeed and therefore changed their lives and that of their families.

She thanked the Australian Support Committee for their undying love for the vulnerable children in Uganda! They make Bushikori what it is!

Shalom,
Grace Wanendeya



TOP LEFT: Peter Wamimbi with Anne. TOP RIGHT: Grace Wanendeya. BOTTOM LEFT: Sponsored children's guardians. BOTTOM RIGHT: Gifts from the BBC Staff.

Sponsorship Report. AGM 2017.

From Pamela Ferrar & Rex Foord.

"Whenever I touch a poor child, I touch Jesus Christ. When we have nothing, Jesus becomes everything." (Coptic Christian, Mamma Gobran, described as 'Egypt's Mother Teresa'. Quoted from September Melbourne Anglican).

This quote embodies the work of Bushikori, changing the lives of needy children and their families in Uganda, many of whom have nothing. Jesus is everything and it is our privilege to be called to be His hands in bringing hope through sponsorship.

This year has been one of learning, reflection and consolidating the work of Child Sponsorship for BCC. The learning has been how to efficiently perform the Child administration as our dear sister Liane Foord was not able to handover the task in 2016 due to her terminal illness. The reflection has been on the great loss to Liane's husband Rex and their family, bereavement is unbelievably difficult, we have to trust God and His mercy to help us all through. All the committee members mourn her loss acutely and are so grateful for her excellent and efficient administration of Child Sponsorship and her passion for Bushikori. The consolidation has come after several months of finding out the best way forward with Child support, Rex utilising his IT expertise to improve the database and recovery of statistics, and Pamela more involved in communication with Uganda and the sponsors

Sponsorship Facts. July 2016 - June 2017.

* 269 Ceased students since 1994. These are all the students who have been sponsored and have completed sponsorship with BCC.

* 269 Nursery, Primary and Secondary sponsored students.

* 117 Tertiary/Vocational students. Includes those waiting to start a Post-secondary course.

Current TOTAL students sponsored: 386

* 10 New students sponsored

* 6 students re-sponsored

* 257 current sponsors as at 30 June 2016

* 7 new sponsors have joined our Bushikori family.



Welcome Eliakim! In April Anne was blessed with another grandchild. Welcome to Eliakim, brother to Alinda. Congratulations Samson & Sarah Wandendeya!

Bushikori Prayer Month Uganda.

July was an exciting month at Bushikori Christian Center Uganda as we spent time and set ourselves apart to seek God, pray and inquire of him 2 Chronicles 7:14. Every morning we gathered in the community library and sung songs of praise and worship and had one of the staff share from the Bible. It was a refreshing kick start for each day; an encouragement here and there is like good coffee to face the daily needs and demands of the Bushikori community. Every Wednesday and Friday was dedicated to prayer and fasting. We also had a lunch hour fellowship from 1pm to 2pm daily throughout the month.

By Grace Wandendeya.



Copies of the Australian Committee **Annual Report** or **Bushikori Uganda Reports**; Annual report, Health Report, Transport report can be emailed or posted to you upon request to president@bushikori.org.au

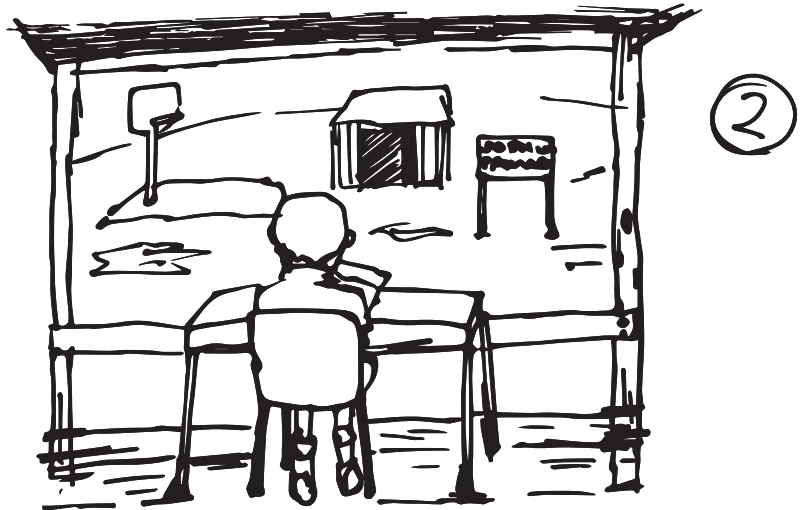
A LETTER FROM UGANDA : the journey.

Graphics by Jack Pidd, Story by Pamela Ferrar & Rex Foord.

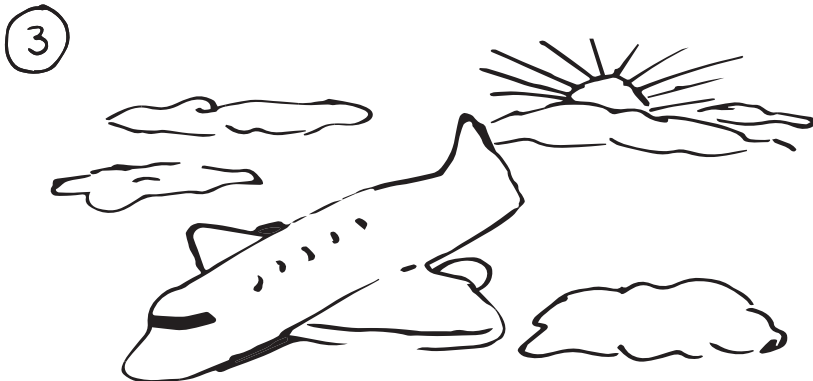


1. The Beginning: Gathering the students at the Bushikori Christian Centre, giving them paper, a pen and support as many of them are very shy and feel quite daunted at the prospect of writing a letter to their sponsor in Australia.

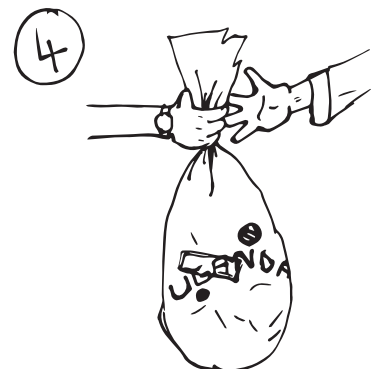
2. They sit outside the office on wooden benches on the veranda overlooking Joshua Primary School classrooms and the kitchen that provides meals for the students, a unique privilege in this country.



3. Letters are packed and taken to Mbale town about 12 kms away and posted at the GPO. Then there is the long flight to Australia and distribution here.



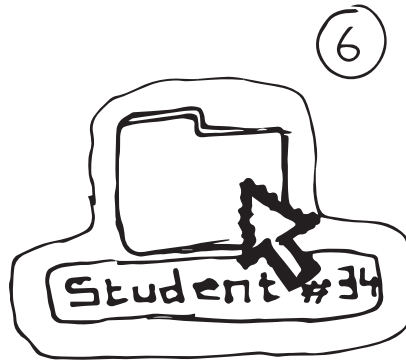
4. A package of letters arrives at P.O.Box 42 in Geelong and is collected by Esther. She lives in a suburb some distance from Pamela and Rex the Child Sponsorship team. It may take a few days before these letters can be passed on.



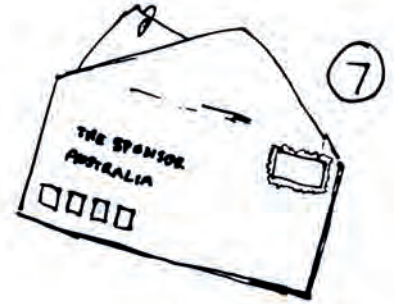


5. The letters now need to be 'gleaned.' This is a process of reading through each one, checking to see if there is mention of their current grade at school or any other details that need to be noted on the database to keep it up to date. Also to see whether there are any areas of concern that need to be discussed with Uganda and the sponsor.

6. The letters are all scanned and saved electronically in each child file to keep records up to date.

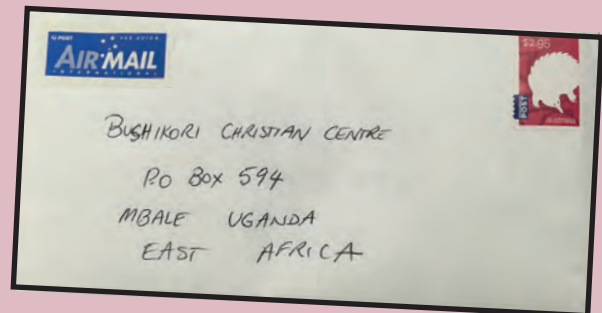


7. The Child Sponsorship department are now ready for the mail out. Letters are folded, envelopes printed and addresses cross checked with data base, stamps applied and then posted to you, the sponsor.



8. These days Australia Post is not the speediest of mail systems but we trust that all letters are safely delivered and the readers blessed, as we are blessed and encouraged in the knowledge that our Lord is working in all of us who are involved at BCC. This includes all our sponsors and supporters, God is working through us to further His Kingdom and lives of students and families in Uganda are being changed forever.

THE END.



Posting to Bushikori

In the old old days when we had to post documents to Uganda we were frequently sending a package so it was easy to slip your letters and cards to children in these packages. We do not post Committee business now as we email. So if you send anything to us to forward usually a committee member personally pays for it to be sent.

Please send items direct:

Placing Uganda's Po. Box on outside envelope and on inside envelope write your sponsored child's name and ID number. Do not use your personal address but our Po. Box 42 Geelong, as your return address.

Thank you.

If undeliverable please return to:
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