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**2020 Vision**

Our church and school theme for this year was “Looking unto Jesus.” The school year in Uganda starts in February and goes to December with three school terms and short “holidays” in between each term. We had reached mid-term of term 1 in March when schools were closed and Uganda put on lockdown March 20 because of the coronavirus. There was a sense of urgency to the president’s announcement to close schools “right now!” We hurried to contact the orphans’ guardians in their various villages to quickly get the children home.

Thankfully, I had been able to purchase term 1 workbooks for every subject for every child at the beginning of the term, so we were able to send those home with the children. God is so good to provide study materials for our children. The government has promised but failed to help children with study materials during this lockdown. The workbook publisher got in touch with our head teacher to inform him that they had published workbooks for term 2, so I was able to purchase term 2 books for all our orphans. Our national preacher delivered the books to our children in their various villages when he made a second food delivery. He also gave the children pencil and paper and asked them to write about or draw a picture about what they had been doing during lockdown and how God has taken care of them.

Here are some of their 2020 Vision–Looking unto Jesus” perspectives. Almost all the children talked about missing and wanting to return to school. They were hungry and grateful for the food God provided. Some had been sick and were glad God had healed them. They were thankful for the books. They talked about telling others about Jesus and shared Bible verses that had been special to them. Some talked about reading their Bible every day. One orphan mentioned how he had learned to put his trust in Jesus only. One little girl drew a picture of herself sick in bed and Jesus at the foot of the bed. She wrote, “Jesus healed me” under her picture.

Thank you so much for your continued faithful prayers and support that has helped me buy books and contribute towards food relief for the orphans and some needy church families. I have had time to study and write Bible study lessons and school lessons in preparation for church and school to open up. I have provided teaching materials for a village pastor who has found an opportunity to evangelize children during lockdown. Lockdown has also provided time for my fellow missionaries and me to bond more closely. I just received a note from a young lady I was able to spend time with because of the lockdown, thanking me for being a “mature” influence (I’m old enough to be her grandmother.) that has helped her with some ministry decisions she has to make.

God has provided ministry opportunities that would not have been there without the nationwide lockdown because of coronavirus. I have been praying for you!

Still Looking unto Jesus in 2020,

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