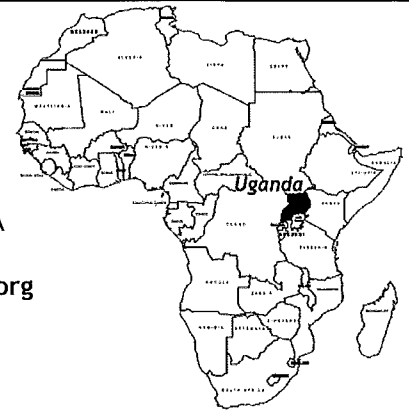


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## The Locusts Have Arrived

Before I talk about the locusts, I want you to know that I have been sick this February. When the orphans returned to school from their villages, one of the sibling groups brought a virus with them, which has spread throughout the school. I am better, but not 100% yet. I pray the coronavirus does not reach Uganda!

But the locusts have arrived. Perhaps you are aware that East Africa has a serious locust plague. The locusts spread from neighboring Kenya to northern Uganda and have now reached our Soroti area. They are not actually at our school property yet. Some weeks ago, the government sent soldiers and helicopters to the airport that is next to our 18 acres to fight the locusts by spraying. Perhaps since they are so close to us, we will get immediate attention. There is great danger of famine because not only do the locusts eat all that is green, but they lay eggs that will hatch into nymphs in a few months to eat the next crop (Deuteronomy 28:38).

Otherwise, school has started and I have managed to teach except for one week when I was too sick. I like my schedule because I get to teach some of the younger children (Primary levels 3 and 4), as well as the older pupils (Primary levels 5, 6 and 7) this year. My village ladies' Bible studies are also going well, although while I was sick, I couldn't keep up. The ladies' depend on their gardens for food, so we pray the locusts won't devastate them. Starvation is a real issue in an agrarian society like Uganda.

2021 is election time and already there has been some violence in the capital. Of all the years I've been here for elections, this year finds people very discontent. That is why I am so glad to be training capable church ladies to teach Sunday school. I started it last year and have continued this year. I have someone that could continue the ladies' Bible studies, and also, most of our school teachers are Ugandan (14 teachers). Lord willing, it will not become too violent for foreigners, but we have trained people to carry on. We have a sweeter spirit of unity in our team than we have ever had. Please continue to pray for our missionary team and nationals for a continued sweet spirit of unity, health and peace. Joel 2:25 *And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten....*

**God is in Control,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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