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## Locust Plague Gone–Virus Plague Coming?

In my last prayer letter I asked for prayer that the East African locust plague would not affect us in Soroti and our surrounding villages. God answered your prayers. The locusts came to Soroti but passed by. How amazing! We did not even see them in the sky at our school. Now, please pray for us that the president of Uganda will have God-given wisdom in how to deal with coronavirus.

This third world country cannot take the measures most countries can to reduce the virus. In a country where water has to be “fetched” every day, people live in crowded very nasty slums sharing a latrine, and transportation is people jammed into small public vans. Frequent hand washing and social distancing is just not possible. Soroti is such a very, very dirty crowded little town.

As of today, coronavirus is in bordering African countries, but not yet in Uganda. This week, the president announced that schools will be closed for 30 days starting March 20. I know you are going through that right now. We are calling guardians and preparing for children to return to their villages tomorrow. It is true that boarding schools like ours are a hothouse for viruses. In my last letter, I told you how sick our school and I had been from a virus the children brought back from the villages when term 1 of school started. It was a bad one—what will corona be like? Only just as of this week, I believe all (pupils, teachers, missionaries) have recovered. So at least we are sending the kids home well!

Thank you for your financial support. I was able to purchase workbooks in every school subject for every pupil to enable them to “do school” in the village until they can return to school. Pray especially for our primary level 7 who are having to prepare for that nation-wide Primary Leaving Exam in the fall. Pray for Alan Sutphen, our director, for wisdom as he has to figure out how to “conduct” services since no more than 10 can meet together. He doesn’t have internet options. I cancelled one of my ladies’ village Bible studies because of the number of people and the fact that most are elderly and disabled and weak. They are in the most vulnerable group for fatalities from coronavirus.

So, we will pray for one another, as in America and Africa, we battle this world-wide plague. May many see their need for Christ.

Jesus is coming soon!

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