



And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick

Luke 9:2

Dear Praying Friends,

June 2021

Uganda, East Africa Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we continue in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ here in Soroti, Uganda.

MINISTRY: A woman whom we did not recognize (masked) attended church two weeks ago and Elena and I asked if this was her first visit. She pulled down her mask and said, "I am Joyce!" We knew Joyce from years back when she was very ill from HIV, she could not walk or take care of herself and had almost died. She disappeared and we had not seen her until that night. Her change in appearance was striking compared to the thin, emaciated body she once carried. She had gained weight and looked very healthy. After the service she expressed her desire to know more about salvation, therefore I had two ladies share the Gospel with her and she indeed made a profession of faith! Her path has certainly changed from near death due to disease to eternal life after trusting Christ.

A need for additional orphans will be necessary when school reopens in August. This investigative process takes a few weeks as a majority of our received applications are falsified by persons wishing to have "someone else" support and raise their children. Please pray that the Lord will bring legitimate orphans to SOAP that we may care for and minister to them.

It appears that our SOAP property will not be taken from us (via airport expansion), so we have finalized plans for the new church to begin construction. The purpose is to get the church building off of the SOAP property to separate it from the SOAP ministry. By local law we must first build outdoor latrines, which we have just completed. We are collecting cost estimates and hope to begin construction later this year.

LIFE IN UGANDA: On June 18, the President of Uganda shut down churches, schools and restricted travel within Uganda for a duration of forty-two days. Covid cases had spiked to all-time highs in April and May prompting this decision. Groups of no more than twenty persons may gather in public, so to remain in compliance we will have small groups elsewhere on the property to worship and preach the word of God. **1 Cor 15:58** *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

MEDICAL MINISTRY: Lillian, a 16-year-old girl with sickle cell disease, has been lying in a Soroti hospital in constant pain for over a week. She is my most complicated patient, of over 200 with this disease, suffering from recurrent pain and episodes of syncope (fainting). Testing and treatments have done little to help her. Please pray for Lillian, that the Lord would intervene and allow her to recover from these recurrent and painful crises.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Spiritual growth for newly saved Joyce.
- Salvation for Lillian as we witness to her and her family.
- Health and safety of all our orphans and church members in this pandemic.
- The Lord's guidance with the church building program.

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