



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

Luke 9:2

Dear Praying Friends,

March 2021

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

MINISTRY: In January we held our Youth Conference with the theme, “*Be the Change*” from **Daniel 1:8**. We had to limit the number of teens due to Covid, but we had a blessed time with four professions of faith in Christ, one decision for purity till marriage and two older teens committing to attend Bible College in Kampala. Please pray for the teens not to yield to peer pressure as they are now back in their village Baptist churches, and to remain an unwavering testimony for Christ.

After our morning service last week, which was preached by my protégé, Paul, a woman named Jessica who is the wife of Richard, one of our guards, came forward for salvation. Elena took her to a private room and led her to the Lord. We are so thankful for Jessica’s profession of faith! Please pray for her as she begins discipleship studies to grow in grace to become a faithful servant of Christ.

A young lady named Goretty made a profession of faith last month after Elena and I spent an hour with her on visitation at the home of her friend, Sandra, who is one of our teachers. Goretty lives in another district (3 hours away). When she visits Soroti, Elena and I meet with her about baptism and discipleship studies. Pray that we can also assist her to find a Bible-preaching Baptist church in her district.

SOAP MINISTRY: Our four P7 students will be taking their Primary Leaving Exam (PLE) on March 30,31. Their results determine their eligibility to advance to secondary education. Please pray that they shall do their best and be a testimony for Christ, as these exams are often fraught with cheating and fraud.

LIFE IN UGANDA: We are fortunate that in Uganda, being part of the outdoor African culture, we have been spared in seeing large numbers of Corona virus infections and deaths. We have been holding three services a week since late 2020, but we plan to reopen Sunday school, as well as men’s and ladies’ prayer breakfasts. Though Covid vaccinations in Uganda are only just beginning we trust we can reestablish these ministries without any untoward effects on our church members and visitors.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Spiritual growth for newly saved Jessica and Goretty.
- That our P7 students: Martha, Mary, Sarah and David will be prepared and will do well on their PLE exams.
- With blockades now out of the way, to finally move ahead with construction on the new church building in Soroti.
- For Ebiru Joseph, a former SOAP orphan, to thrive in Bible College, which is scheduled to reopen in mid-April.

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Richard and Jessica