



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

*Luke 9:2*

**Dear Praying Friends,**

**September 2021**

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

**MINISTRY:** A young lady named **Jacinta** visited our church several months ago. She had been given a tract by one of our church members and invited to attend. The next week, Paul and I made a visit to her home to share the Gospel. After an hour of going through the Gospel, and answering her questions, she made a profession of faith! Since our time in Uganda, ten years, Elena and I have seen many people 'profess Christ' as their Savior. This profession is sometimes followed by requests for money or work, so I decided to give Jacinta a test. I offered her work on the SOAP property as she began discipleship studies with Paul's wife, Rachel.

This went on until just a month ago when I abruptly stopped Jacinta's employment, along with another employee, telling her that since there was no rain, there is no need to weed the grounds. Rachel reports that since Jacinta's unemployment she has continued to attend her studies, three times weekly, without missing a lesson. This has been a pleasant surprise, as we have had many "wash outs" in people who give up after just a couple of discipleship lessons. We thank the Lord for Jacinta's dedication and pray she will continue in her faithfulness.

**SOAP MINISTRY:** The President of Uganda had shut down Ugandan schools and churches in early June for 42 days. When he addressed the nation in late July he relaxed transportation restrictions, but extended the shutdown another two months. We are concerned that the orphans will be subjected to abuse and neglect by their relatives, as the children are often thought of as a burden, the longer they remain in the village. I have just written a letter to the Education Officer asking special permission to reopen our school now, instead of January 2022, as all our teachers have been vaccinated and of our careful observance of standard operating procedures.

**LIFE IN UGANDA:** When churches were closed in June, I was faced of how to have our members be allowed to meet for worship services. In the US, technology has helped facilitate church members 'to attend' services. We cannot do this in Soroti. My solution has been to hold two smaller services, not in the church auditorium and of no more than 20 people, per the government's mandates. One group met on the SOAP property utilizing English, and another met in the compound of our fellow missionary and was conducted in Ateso, the local dialect. This is not optimal, but it was the best we could do under these limiting circumstances. We continue to pray for churches to reopen soon!

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Permission to reopen the Independent Baptist School.
- Spiritual growth for Jacinta as she continues her discipleship studies.
- Protection from neglect/abuse of our orphans while in the villages.
- Wisdom and progress regarding the church building program.
- The reopening of all churches in Uganda.

Your Fellow Servants for Souls,

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