

Hi to all of you our friends! Time passes on very fast and with all the demands of life, the tendency to be buried in all the responsibilities is very tempting.

I have recently had an opportunity to attend a pastors seminar where I have learnt the necessity to focus on the mission field by training and empowering others to relieve on the demands of ministry. I am encouraged to continue on with our small groups approach to ministry and to empower those that God has brought under my leadership.

My family and I are doing okay. Dorcas had a dog attack and bite her, she got anti rabies shot and we trust she'll be okay. The wounds have now healed and she is back to her normal routines.

The sponsorship kids will be back to school on the 9th of May when schools open for second term. We thank God that we've been able to keep our promise of providing a meal each day, provide uniforms, pay school fees and provide psychosocial support to the needy families to have their children stay in school. Thanks to all the sponsors who have made this possible. During this holiday we got a teacher to come and give a refresher coarse to our lower school teachers. It was a good experience for our teachers and we are looking forward to improved classroom and lesson management.

The situation with COVID is not bad, we do not have any increase in cases.

The war in Ukrain and may be the one we are fighting in DRC have escalated the prices of food and commodities. The price of everything has almost doubled but the salaries are not increasing. In fact we struggle to increase our teachers salaries because then the cost of running the schools will be very high. On managing to keep the teachers motivated, we try to give some food provisions, accommodation and small allowances to keep the teachers going. The rains have now started and we hope the price of food may come down. We have planted some vegetables to give some ease on food supplement.

We continue to trust God for improvement especially that we can have ways of producing more of our supplies. Our country depends more on goods from China and with the COVID lock down in China many goods are not available.

God will give us wisdom on how to give more sustainability to the child education program and in fact we are praying more about vocational training so that most of the children we support can branch off into vocational training to get a skill. Many of them struggle to continue on after our support for primary education.

Thank you so much for the love and support. Praying for you and your families because we all face similar challenges.

Our partnership has continued on the foundation that our hearts are very much in missions and how we can use what God has put in our hands to help improve the lives of others and also to use it to bring Christ to the lost.

Pray with us, we hope to plant 2 churches this year. In fact we have to replant the Kiryowa church, Paul (the pastor we have given the church in Kiryowa) closed it down and left the ministry to work as a prisons officer. We had some alignment issues with him. So this June we hope to replant the Kiryowa church and then plant in Nakibizi in October and hopefully in Buyodi - Kaliro in December. We still have the other four church plants running and intact getting healthier. I now have two full days training's every month for all the church plant leaders and their immediate teams and it has given more support and encouragement for them to work better in their fields. Our overall attendance in all churches has now reached 532 members. We hope this can double in the near future.

Love you all,

Blessings.

Pastor James Luwaga

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TSF,

What we are learning as we continue deeper in this sponsorship journey is that the kids selected for sponsorship are usually those that have lost their fathers, and therefore have no sense of a guiding authority over their lives. The mothers and grand parents usually try to fill the vacuum but then what you see is children who have thrown away their identity and self worth to become non-entities. As we've struggled through the absenteeism, lack of interest in education and apathy we realize it's incumbent on us to bridge the gap and provide the necessary authority that a father has over his children.

A few things we are starting to do in the ministry:

Bring them close to authority figures to directly, affirmatively enforce identity

To instill in these kids a level of trust one of which is the continued support through primary education. So I imagine the role of sponsors in making this possible and what it takes the TSF staff to rally the sponsors! It can only be the hand of God moving each one of us to go this far in order to model the image of Hod in these children's lives.

I am deeply encouraged by the efforts and concern from both the staff at TSF and the sponsors. Thank you so much for being the hands of God and making us the fingers to actually touch these children's lives. At the beginning of lockdowns I met with some of the older girls and we chatted. We talked about the importance of them having a skill before they get into having children. We've heard several reports of girls who are pregnant and ours have remained confident pursuing their education and hoping to get a skill one day. It's my prayer that they succeed!

Below is a picture of some of the older girls who have been supported by the sponsorship program and are keeping the faith.

Blessings,

Pastor James Luwaga

