

September 2022

Greetings from Uganda.

We just celebrated the national teachers day and had great opportunity to speak into the lives of our teachers. Indeed teachers are one of the service givers who have been greatly affected by the post COVID19 regulations and after effects. Teachers have had to endure harsh working conditions, deal with emotionally and physically distracted students to the extent that some have had to leave the teaching profession due to the heavy demands on their lives. For sure a day to reflect and thank teachers for the hard work they do was very deserving.



Photo of some teachers

We had a few shake-ups where three teachers left us for better paying schools but generally our teachers have been greatly supported by the church that runs within the school. Weekly prayers and church small groups have played a key role in supporting both the teachers and pupils.

We are in the middle of third term. This term has seemed to be the hardest of all in this academic year. The sky rocketing prices of commodities, scarcity of food supply, the health threats of Ebola, the continued COVID19 tough regulations coupled with the pressure of running the school when parents are struggling to pay school fees, are a few of the challenges the school administrators have had to steer through, Plus the usual pressure of preparing our primary seven class for the national exams.

We continue to thank God for the grace to endure and serve even with such tremendous pressure. Having a church in the school has been a great support as we have teachers and pupils being supported and taught from the word of God.

The sponsored children have continued well, save some severe Malaria cases a few times. The program has kept them focused on their studies and a number of them are sitting the national exams this year. We forward to a good performance. We have 23 candidates who are all prepared and set to do the national exams.

Please keep us in prayers as next year is our set period by the ministry of education to endorse our school with full registration recognition where the school will now be officially declared standard enough to run as a nationally recognised education institution. That comes with a lot of supervision visits, checks on facilities, teachers and safety measures. There are a few standard classroom requirements that need to be in place plus our play and kitchen facilities. Also we have suppliers who have entrusted us with school and food supplies that we must clear. Continue to pray for the teachers who have given their lives to serve at little yet working under very demanding environment.

Thank you all for your continued love and support for our school and the child sponsors for the great gesture of love and hope!

James

September 2022

Greetings dear friends,

It's commonly said that most of the ripe harvest fields are in the poor regions of the world. The body of Christ is faced with the challenge of taking and making the gospel relevant to such impoverished communities. These people cannot afford to pay for services of a pastor and that explains why the sacrificial nature of Christianity is very crucial. The church was born on the sacrifice of Christ and continues by the sacrifices of Jesus followers. We have now planted six churches and a seventh one coming at the start of next year. All this would never be possible if the family at the Sanctuary Fellowship had not embraced the sacrificial nature of the church in reaching the lost.

Yesterday I had a great opportunity of sitting down with all the rural pastors of our church plants working hard to spread the gospel under challenging conditions. We were all grateful to be partners of Christ, but also thankful to the SF partnership that everyone knows is an important aspect of the work we are doing.

I was particularly impressed by the church plant leader of the Kiryowa church which happens to be the one responsible for discipling teachers and pupils, when she shared testimonies of pupils receiving Christ. Even some from Moslem families have come up and accepted prayer to receive Christ. This was my dream, that we could have a ministry that provides a service and the gospel to the community. The church currently has 138 members on its data base.

As evil people team up to enlist our youth for GBLT movement, reaching the youth has become very critical given that our population is predominantly youthful. We thank God for the possibility of reaching rural communities with the gospel.

And thank you SF family for allowing God to use you to make it possible.

James

June 14, 2022

Hi great partners!

Just wanted to share a celebration. Last Sunday we relaunched the Kiryowa church and 134 people turned up for the service, this includes pupils from the school.

I am super excited that once again our dream to have the pupils, teachers and parents disciplined is up and running. We had a launch team of 12 members.



June 14, 2022



We thank Hid for this development.
Thank you for your prayers and support. May God continue to strengthen us to expand opportunity for people to not hear the gospel but also to be disciplined.
Blessings,
James

June 2, 2022

Hi!

Hope you are doing great. This morning we were praying for all our sponsored kids and I thought I would send you a memory. The kids loved their letters, many had struggle reading due to hand writing but they were supper excited.

Blessings!!!



May 2022

Calvary greetings from Uganda. It's always a joy relating with you and helping to connect what God is doing here with you all across the miles between us.

I had some struggle with my health however, I have been stable the past few weeks and energised to work, thanks to the Moringa powder I have added to my regular supplements. We have also given Moringa to Tinah to help her with her allergies and she seems to be more comfortable. Dorcas has healed from the dog bite and she is fairing well. Emman is doing well with his graphics training and Leasa is coping better with her new experience in secondary school.

The schools are on and we are steadily progressing with the academics. Some of our old teachers left but we've hired new ones and we look forward to a great end of year performance. We are so privileged to have the sponsorship program with TSF going, it's a real life line for the school program and is a great connecting factor with reaching the community for Christ. All the sponsored children are in school except one who lost her mother and is in transition. We are in touch with a school she's attached to to continue school there.

Please with us over these areas:

1. We are in a process of replanting the church in the Kiryowa area and putting together the necessary logistics to launch this June. Just in case you didn't know Paul (the pastor we had placed in Kiryowa closed the church and went to join the Prisons force). A launch team is in place, some logistics still need to be in place like public address system and Children's training materials.

Also next year we plan to plant 2 new churches, locations are already identified and we are working on launch teams.

2. We are also working on rescuing our semipermanent church structure as it's beginning to give way. We have permits to build and already started on the church construction process but had been held back due to the COVID regulations. We have resumed the campaign and are pulling resources together to continue the construction of the permanent church building.

3. The schools are running good and we continue to believe God to have our dream of vocational training up and running. We have the land on which we can establish both the training facilities and demonstration initiatives. We see an increase in the number of students that are not able to continue to higher levels of education due to tuition fees, age challenges, and social responsibilities. We know that this is a needed service to equip them with skills that can enable them find means of earning and taking care of their needs.

Thanks so much for the love and care, you are indeed true partners and a loving family. Our partnership has produced great results for the kingdom of God, sending needy children to school, supporting church work initiatives, providing food for hungry families especially during the lockdowns, reaching the lost with the gospel and many others.

Remain blessed and strong in the Lord. May God continue to make your light shine in the darkness of the American communities and grant you grace and opportunity to cause kingdom transformation!

Amen.

Love James

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

April 2022

January 2, 2022
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

