

July 2023

Greetings from Uganda.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

We have been saddened by the massacre of innocent students in the western part of our country. It's a shock that inhumane people could carry out an act of atrocity of that magnitude killing 91 students for their Christian faith. We continue praying for their families and loved ones. Overall the safety of people from such attacks has not continued and we are still safe.

We are glad we can still go out to preach and win souls for Christ. I shared with you all some time back about a discipleship class that I run at church for developing leaders. These will be completing their round one of training and I am glad that those that stayed through the entire period of training have started engaging with ministry. We've been going together to three identified communities for outreaches for sometime. Out of these outreaches we have been able to start small discipleship cells from some of the converts. In one community we hope to start a church. Last Sunday 18 people gathered together for Sunday service and we see that the seed is growing and we already have a leader to lead this location into a real church. We are believing God to buy them some bibles and also support them to find a location where they can meet for Sunday services. Please hold us in prayer on this as well.

The other community is mainly a slum area and the most response we had was children. So now we have a few people who have teamed up and hold weekly children's bible study with the kids from the slum area. We got. Moslem lady who is our chief mobilizer for the children, she also gave her small compound for the children's bible study.



In the third location we also have a former Moslem lady called zaujah who is our lead contact and mobilizer. Every Thursday she calls her friends and we share with them the gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

The church plants we have established are ongoing and I get opportunity to meet with all the leaders of the church plants for an overnight prayer time every 1st Friday of the month. So this coming Friday is our night prayer Friday. It also gives us time to share what is going in the churches and to pray and see ways we can support each other. Currently we still have 6 church plants and our target is to have 10 by the close of the year. These churches are mainly in rural places where main churches don't have church plants. Some of the common challenges we have are bibles and building shelters where they can meet for church.

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The schools opened for second term. A few students did not return for second term learning some mainly due to lack of school fees. All our sponsored children returned except one who migrated to some place far from the school and was replaced by another standby needy child. We thank God for the sponsorship program because it is still the most secure way of keep the students in school and also through it the school is able to provide a meal a day and pay teachers. We are still looking into plans to build dormitories so we can have children from able to pay families enrol their kids into the boarding section. These children we target are mainly from urban centre's and they can not walk long distances to school. If we build dormitories it is a great opportunity to have them.

Please pray for the church plant plans that the Lord grant us the grace and guidance to fulfil the desire of 10 church plants by the end of this year.

Romans 1:13

Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other gentiles.

Dorcas was diagnosed with Hyperthyroidism and this has affected us in many ways. She has to take monthly tests, be on specified medication and also specific diet. Given the current situation where prices of things has barely come come, it's an uphill journey we are on. There is some improvement though. She is now able to walk around the house, last Sunday she attended church but she is still battling the disease and it's effects on her life. That affects me too since most for the time we are only two of us at home as the kids stay in school. So I have to be available for her to support her but also make sure that the ministry is running smoothly. The doctors say we can only see real results after six months but we are praying and trusting that she'll be better and stronger sooner than the doctors expect. Keep us in prayer for this as well.

Pray also for our plans for the vocational skills. We have had some initial discussions with the education authorities in the area and we've been asked to present our plans and the courses we intend to teach so they can look through and see if our ideas are relevant and in line with the education ministry of education goals as far as vocational training is concerned.

We can never find the right words to thank you all for the partnership and support we have in the Sanctuary Fellowship. We continue to hold you all in prayer and to trust that the good Lord will keep your faith stronger and that he'll grant you the grace to serve him in these last days.

May 2023

Greetings from Uganda.

Our first term holiday has come to an end. The teachers are now going through their schemes and preparing lesson plans for the first week of school which begins on Monday. It's amazing how time goes by and how seasons come and go.

The school administration is in the process of preparing paper work for getting the school registered with the ministry of education. Our license is supposed to expire at the close of the year and we are required to process getting the school registered. This kind of registration confirms that we have passed the test of time and the school is considered to be steady and permanent in the community. This is when we can now have our pupils sit for national exams or any other activities under the school name. All along we've been assigned to be under a registered school. We pray that the process will go smoothly.

The church is going on well. This month we managed to plant the new church plant we had been praying for. It's in an area dominated by witchcraft and alcohol. On the launch day twenty people showed up, and now three consecutive Sundays the number has grown to 46 people attending discipleship training and Sunday service. We continue to pray for the other three church plants we need to do this year. Yesterday we visited one of the areas where focus to plant and God is opening doors for a church plant to happen sometime later this year. We have also started a children's ministry in one of the slums near the Jinja/Njeru bridge and the response is good. Our plan is to hold weekly meetings with these kids as we teach them the word of God. Stories are that every child in this community that becomes a teenager gets hooked to drugs and risky behaviour including theft. So our target is to introduce Christ to them at an early age so they don't fall for the negative influence. We are grateful that we can be able to have ministry opportunity to this magnitude.

As for my family, it's been uphill this first half of the year especially when my entire family broke down and at one point I had three of them all admitted in hospital. Dorcas has been the most affected and she's still battling Hyperthyroidism which has affected her red blood cells, harmonies, given her goitre and very disturbing heart palpitations. We continue to trust God to break through the medical reports and treatment to give us a miracle of our time. At first the doctors has given us a report that she had leukaemia and sickle cell. After a number of tests then it was confirmed to be hyperthyroidism. She can now eat and walk around the house! Hallelujah!

As a ministry we are thankful for the support and love that we share with the Sanctuary Fellowship. We continue to hold you in prayer and trust that God will open doors and use you greatly in these last days.

Blessings,

2/15/23

Uganda Update

Greetings to all sponsors!

Last year we had 23 candidates for our Primary Leaving Examination. The results came back reflecting an outstanding performance for our candidates. 12 of them got first grades and the 11 got supper second grades. Of the 12 first grades 7 were from the sponsored children.

B 11 -MUKALUBA MICHEAL

ENG : 2

MTC : 2

SST : 2

SCI : 2

Agg. : 8 DIV : 1.

B 14 -WANDERA HENRY

ENG : 2

MTC : 2

SST : 3

SCI : 2

Agg. : 9 DIV : 1.

B 23 -OWORI GODFREY

ENG : 2

MTC : 4

SST : 2

SCI : 2

Agg. : 10 DIV : 1.

A 19 - MBALAGADDE UMAR

ENG : 3

MTC : 3

SST : 2

SCI : 2

Agg. : 10 DIV : 1.

A 33 -SSENTAMU BRIAN

ENG : 3

MTC : 3

SST : 3

SCI : 2

Agg. : 11 DIV : 1.

F 3 -NAMPEEREZA CATHERINE

ENG : 2

MTC : 4

SST : 3

SCI : 2

Agg. : 11 DIV : 1.

A7 - LUUTU SHARIFU

ENG : 3

MTC : 3

SST : 3

SCI : 3

Agg. : 12 DIV : 1.

We congratulate both the candidates and sponsors for this encouraging result. We thank Gid who has made this connection possible and thank teachers and pupils for the hard work to keep our brand vibrant. Many of these candidates were members of the church that meets within the school and we hope they'll continue serving God wherever they go.

More thanks to the leadership of the Sanctuary Fellowship for this opportunity to have needy children sponsored. It has given hope to the community and anchored our Christian testimony in the community.

Blessings,

James