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Dear Friends,

Welcome to you all I trust that you are well and being blessed, in the Lord, your family, your ministry and your work. I thank you all for your continued prayer and financial support of the work in Uganda and Discipleship Teaching.

Due to the Ugandan lockdown projects are still on hold at the moment. The Lockdown was due to end on the 2 August, unfortunately this has been extended for most, more information below.

UP DATE UGANDAN LOCKDOWN

The President of Uganda addressed the people on 30th July with an update on the Covid 19 situation. The reported daily infection rate had fallen from a average of 1700 per day to an average of 62 per day. Since the start of the pandemic in Uganda 600,000 have been hospitalised. Currently there are 62 cases in private hospitals and 500 in state hospitals. Below are the rules the people need to operate under.

1. Curfew time maintained
2. Bodada can move up 6pm (Motorbike Taxi)
3. Boda can carry one person
4. Kikuubo to open but all kiosks and road side vending banned.
5. Malls and arcades can open with compliance of sops.
6. Burials should not exceed 20
7. Weddings not more than 20
8. Places of worship to be closed and reviewed after 60 days
9. Out door sports allowed
10. Indoor sports allowed
11. Gaming closed
12. Bars remain closed
13. Restaurant open with Standard Operating Procedures (sops)
14. Saloons to operate with strict (sops)
15. Saunas to remain closed
16. Schools remain closed
17. Medical schools to open
18. Office workers 20%
19. Private vehicles to move across districts

My assessment of these rules are that the people are still being severely restricted in their ability to work. This will have a greater impact on the rural communities. Where in the greater part the source of income is subsistence farming. The consequence will be a deepening of the extreme poverty conditions they are already enduring.

We do not have any government information but there are many Ugandans dying from starvation. This is a direct consequence of the lockdown.

Now I am not knocking the Ugandan Government, they are having to make very difficult choices with limited resources. If you look at the Ugandan rates of Covid infection 1700 at its height compared to the UK 50,000 this policy has been successful.

The real challenge for Uganda and many other developing nations is the lack of infrastructure, particularly provision of medical services, free at the point of need.

It is disappointing that Schools and Churches are to remain closed for another 60 days.

UPDATE LUMPEWE PROJECT

Primary 7 students who sat the examinations to advance to secondary education all passed, 100% pass rate. We give thanks for all the hard work and dedication of the teachers who supported the students through this very difficult time.

Also to the students who applied themselves to their studies and achieved the following results

Grade 1— 2 students

Grade 2— 8 students

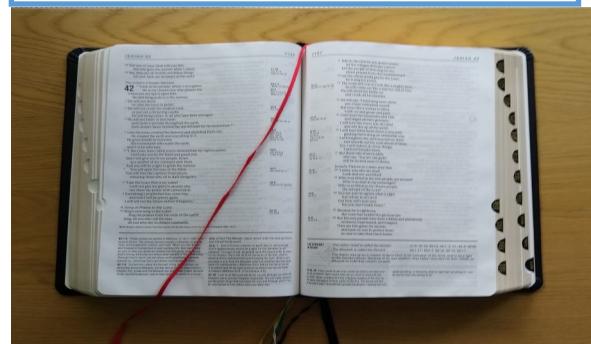
Grade 3— 5 students

Well done to each and everyone of you congratulations.

I have continued with the daily teaching on the Omega Healing Centre Church What's app group.

Pastor Stephen Nakibinge has also been providing daily prayer and ministry to the fellowship.

Along with the many other contributors the fellowship are being fed spiritually.



UPDATE KABOWA PROJECT

The children of the Kabowa Centre due to Pastor Musisi and his family contracting the Covid virus have been very much to fend for themselves.

However Pastor Musisi was able to visit last week and found that many of the children had moved in to the centre using it as a refuge. During his visit he was able to share a meal with them.



OTHER NEWS



Since our last newsletter I have been contacted by Bishop Nason Baluku. I met him during one of my many visits to Uganda several years past. At that time he was Canon Nason working for the Barnabas Fund in Uganda.

His purpose of contacting me was to intercede for him, his family (several had contracted the Covid virus, pleased to announce that they are all now recovered) and the South Rwenzori Diocese where he is now the presiding Bishop. I feel very honoured that he should reach out to me and give thanks to our Lord Jesus.

Since then Bishop Nason invited me to participate in a Special Prayer Sunday for the South Rwenzori Diocese which was a privilege to do so.

Bishop Nason also requested that I include him on the distribution of the daily Discipleship Teachings. I look forward to strengthening our links with Bishop Nason and the South Rwenzori Diocese.

We have also started to hold a weekly prayer meeting for Uganda by the Zoom platform. This is an open meeting for all who have a heart for the work we are doing and the Nation of Uganda. We have had the honour of Pastor Musisi and Bishop Nason joining with us, a truly hands across the oceans interceding for each other and the world at large. A small representation of the family of God at work, caring and loving one and other. The meetings take place on Fridays 7pm UK Time, 9pm Uganda Time. Should you wish to join with us please email me at:

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And I will add you to the participants list

APPEAL— FOOD PARCELS

I AM LAUNCHING A FOOD PROGRAMME TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING THROUGH LACK OF FOOD.

WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS IN LUMPEWE, KABOWA SLUMS AND SOUTH RWENZORI DIOCESE.

ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN OUR PARTNERS.

YOU CAN MAKE DONATIONS DIRECT TO OUR BANK ACCOUNT, DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Give thanks to Father God for all He has done and is doing through this work He has called us to.
2. Give thanks to Father God for his protection over the people of Uganda, minimising the infection and death rates.
3. Pray for the Ugandan Government that they will have Godly Wisdom in making their plans to lead the nation through the pandemic.
4. Pray for the people of Uganda that even in the worst of times they will know the provision of Jesus; Practical, Physical and Spiritual.
5. Pray for Pastor Nakibinge, Pastor Musisi and Bishop Nason that they will have wisdom and discernment whilst ministering to their fellowships. That the Lord will protect them and place His Shield around them.
6. Pray for the children who are still enduring an extended time without education. Pray that they will be protected and not drawn into criminal activities, no matter how hard their circumstance become, pray they will know the Lord's Blessing and Provision.
7. Pray in particular for the girl students who are being married off, some as young as 14, this is particularly prevalent in the rural communities. Also for those in the Towns and Cities being led into prostitution.
8. Please pray the Lord will lead more people to become supporters of our projects.
9. Pray for me that I will know and understand Father God's will for the work. That He will lead me to the right connections to make the work we do productive and sustainable.

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