

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

Luke 9:2

Dear Praying Friends,

June 2023

Thank you all again, so very much for your faithful prayers and support as we continue in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ here in Soroti, Uganda.

EVANGEL TEAM: In April, a team of Pastors and workers from a North Carolina Baptist church came to minister to our children with preaching, teaching and games. During that week, in addition to a very popular Pine Wood Derby race, we had many professions of faith including five of our orphans, and four of our Primary school teachers! We thank the Lord that as the Gospel goes out, we still see the miracle of souls saved! Since we have access to these people we pray that their discipleship will be fruitful.

ANSWERED PRAYER AND A WELL: In March the city water supply, which supplies Soroti's water, was interrupted. It was the dry season and rains had not yet begun. This prompted a hastened prayer request, for water and rain, from our team at SOAP. The Lord answered, and we indeed received rain! We also received much in donations to drill and construct a well, with a submersible pump, on the SOAP property to circumvent the intermittent supply of water from the city. Construction is almost complete, and we praise the Lord for His working through many generous prayer warriors and providers of the construction funds!

NEW CHURCH DEDICATION: In April, we had our church dedication service. This brought the church from the SOAP property to its own piece of land. We had a full church that morning with many visitors and we thank the Lord we were able to reach these visitors, and even local politicians, with the Gospel. Please pray that we reach many more souls and see many salvation decisions in 2023. We arrived in Uganda 12 years ago on June 8, 2011. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him here in Uganda, East Africa!

A CHOICE MADE: Life is frequently about choices. With an orphan and education ministry there must be rules and they require enforcement. One of our orphans (a 19 y/o) chose to disobey these rules thereby altering his path from a free education, room and board at SOAP to a dismissal and being sent back to his village. It grieves us to see this, but a child who steals and lies, without repentance, has not only broken the rules, but now has become a negative influence on the other children. Please pray for "Paul," that he would admit his sin, be repentant, and get back on the path in living for the Lord.

ANOTHER CHOICE MADE: Asio Betty is one of our former SOAP students who has just graduated from nursing school. Betty has always had to work very hard for good grades, and after many years since leaving SOAP, she is now a certified nurse! She made the choice to work hard, believe in herself, and to stay faithful to the Lord no matter how hard life in school had become. Betty is a believer, please pray the Lord would use her greatly wherever she goes, as a nurse and as a witness for Christ!

AVOCADO TREES: Elena has directed and overseen the planting of 275 Avocado trees on part of the 18-acre SOAP property. There is high demand for export of this crop, and once the trees begin producing fruit in a few years, a supplier has promised to do the delivery work.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the successful discipleship of those saved during our Evangel team visit.
- For recovery of the 14, and counting, children who returned from the village with malaria.
- Spiritual growth of SOAP children recently saved, and more to make professions this year.

FURLOUGH

**We plan on a furlough Sept - Dec 2023. There are a few openings remaining.
If you would like us to visit, please let us know via email. Thank you!**

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