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*Luke 9:2*



**Dear Praying Friends,**

**March 2022**

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

**MINISTRY:** Mr. John Benard attended a Catholic church for much of his life. He had been helping us with some light work at the church construction site when my right-hand man Paul had visited him and shared the Gospel. That day, this unassuming 70-year-old man made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ! Soon after, we unexpectedly had need for an additional teacher in our Primary school, and we had been praying to find just the right candidate. Paul then mentioned that John Benard had taught in Primary school for 40 years and had even been a Head Teacher! We gave him an exam and found him more than qualified. He is experienced, articulate in English and has been a great asset to us! It is amazing how the Lord answers our prayers and needs so completely! A qualified teacher, who was previously raking up mounds of dirt on our construction site is now one of our most humble and industrious teachers. So far, he has been very inquisitive during our discipleship studies, and overall has truly been a blessing to us at SOAP!

We have had the goal of getting the church relocated from the SOAP property, and we now have finally begun to build, in January! The foundation and walls are finished, and soon the ring beam and trusses will be going up. We pray that it shall be completed by June, Lord willing.

**SOAP MINISTRY:** We had six new orphans join us in January, all boys! None spoke English and the teachers have been challenged to get them to sit still and to even hold a pencil properly! Please pray that these boys: Robert, Stephen, Opio, Ocen, Onyait, and Okiror will adjust to their new home, come to salvation at an early age, and begin to thrive in school!

The vocational program launched in January and has gone well thus far. We have two of our teen boys, Paul, and Jonathan, in the motorcycle/vehicle mechanics program. They seem to be learning considerably, as the instructor has had them tearing down the motorcycle almost daily and amazingly it seems to get back together in almost one piece at the end of day!

There are still many documented Covid cases in the Soroti area. We pray for cases to decrease, but nevertheless I will not allow the children to go into town until these cases are significantly reduced. Please pray for this conclusion.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Further salvation of souls through the SOAP ministry.
- Spiritual growth of Mr. John Benard.
- Continued wisdom and progress regarding the church building project.
- Healing for one of our teachers, Catherine, who has Neuroendocrine tumor (cancer).
- Early salvation and academic growth for the new orphans.

Your Fellow Servants for Souls,

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**NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION**



**MR. JOHN BENARD**



**VOTECH: PAUL AND JONATHAN**