

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

Luke 9:2

Dear Praying Friends,

March 2023

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

PETER: Peter is a highly educated Secondary school teacher who has been skeptical of salvation by faith and was convinced good works were needed for his salvation. His wife, Faith, is a member of our church and had been praying for Peter for years. I had visited Peter a few weeks ago to share the Gospel, going through many verses of salvation by grace through faith. He did not make a profession at that time, but over the next few weeks I kept speaking with him, trying to help him understand that the work of salvation has already been finished by Christ Jesus, therefore he cannot work his way to heaven. After this past Sunday's service, Peter came to me and trusted Christ, by faith, as his Savior! Once again, a life has been transformed by the power of the Gospel! I look forward to beginning discipleship with Peter very soon.

WATER AND PRAYER: Just a few weeks ago, in the middle of the dry season, the city water supply, which supplies Soroti's water, was interrupted. This affected the water tank at our house, the six tanks at SOAP, and all Soroti. This forced us to commission a local water truck to fill the tanks at SOAP. The situation was becoming critical, and I put out a request to our supporting churches/friends to please pray for rain. The next evening, it rained! This did not fill all our tanks, but we thank the Lord for answered prayer! We are also thankful that the city water supply is now slowly returning. How often do we take for granted tap water on demand, until it suddenly stops and does not return?

TEN NEW ORPHANS: Eight girls and two boys arrived at SOAP in February. Several have not been to school, have very limited English skills and our teachers have been challenged in keeping them focused and behaved. This is typical for newly arrived children. Please pray that they would be saved at an early age as we invest in them, through the school, the church, and especially through God's word.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAM: We began two new courses in this program: carpentry, and tailoring. The students in these classes have chosen not to go on to high school and instead want to learn a skill to support themselves in the future. The Ugandans have a saying for these types of students: *"teach them a skill to make them job makers and not job seekers!"* Vocational skills were one of the goals of Dr. Kyle Guimon who began SOAP in 2004: to give destitute, and orphaned children a skill to get them through life, supporting themselves as well as their families, as well as being a light for Christ wherever they go in Uganda!

NEW CHURCH BUILDING: Just a few lighting and ceramic tile issues to finish. We are planning an early May dedication service and shall invite as much of community as possible. Please pray that many will attend, truly listen to the Gospel, hearts being open, and will believe on Jesus Christ as Savior!

MS. AGUTI: This is our 30 y/o teacher with cancer. She has an appointment next week with a surgeon to evaluate if her tumors can be surgically removed to relieve her abdominal pain, as well as give her more years of quality of life. Please pray for the Lord to work mightily, that this surgery will help Aguti greatly!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For salvation of additional souls through the SOAP and soul winning ministry in 2023.
- For my successful discipleship of Peter, and many others this year.
- For city water, or rain, to return to Soroti very soon.
- Aguti: for pain control, and for the Lord to guide all of her treatment.

FURLOUGH

We plan on a furlough Sept – Dec 2023. If you would like us to visit, please let us know via email. Thank you!

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PETER AND FAITH



THE NEW ORPHANS AT SOAP