

# the STENSAAS family

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We praise the Lord that He is still in the business of saving souls. We were so blessed to witness several people get saved in our church in town as well as in our preaching point in the village of Karusandara. You can never really know if someone actually gets saved, but it is encouraging to see those who have made a profession of faith get excited about discipleship, have a new desire to learn the Word of God, and then apply these in their lives.

We were also blessed to have three people baptized - Jacob, Elizabeth (pictured to the right) and Deus. Jacob and Deus have since shown an interest in joining the Bible college when they have finished their discipleship classes.

We have started a new ministry for our church members called Home & Away. Once a month, a church member will invite another church member (and family) to their house for a meal and fellowship. Then the next month they switch - the one who invited last month is now the invited guest. This has helped our members to fellowship with each other more, enjoy good food, and even learn where each other resides. All of which are very important in this culture.

What a joy it has been recently to see some of our Bible college graduates begin teaching in the Bible college. While they are just beginning their teaching ministry, the graduates are now teaching others what they have learned.

A man in our church, Brian, informed me that his aunt was dying of uterine cancer. She lived about 4 hours from Kasese. Brian and I made a trip to visit her. After a few hours of visiting and sharing the Gospel with the family, Brian's aunt, uncle, and a neighbor friend received Jesus as their personal Saviour. Praise the Lord!

Perhaps God allowed Brian's aunt to contract this cancer so that we would purposely go and visit her and she would have the opportunity to hear the Gospel. While we don't always understand why God allows things to happen in our lives, we can always trust Him to do what is best for us. (The aunt passed away on January 7, 2018.)

On Christmas Day, our church was able to pass out 100 gift bags of rice, sugar, oil, tea, matches, spices, and candy to needy people. In the past, we have had people come to Christ because of this ministry. Also on Christmas Day our church members promised to give \$623 to missions in 2018! They gave \$493 in 2017!

We praise the Lord for all He has allowed us to accomplish in 2017: especially, the salvation of souls, baptisms and discipleship, and the completion of our church building. We pray that God will allow us to do even more in 2018 for His honor and glory.

**Thank you for your part in helping us continue to fulfill the Great Commission!**



Enid just professed faith in Christ



Elizabeth and Jacob just baptized



Graduate Vincent now teaching



A neighbor, aunt, Brian, uncle

## Uganda's Uniqueness



A favorite snack here in Uganda is a bottle of water and fried grasshoppers.

## Prayer Requests

- Bible translation work in Runyankore
- Discipleship ministry
- Rwenzori Baptist College
- discipleship and John/Romans translation work into Lhukonzo
- new church plant in Karusandara
- preparing for furlough in September 2018

## Sending Church



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