

the STENSAAS family in Uganda MARCH/APRIL 2020

Uniqueness of Uganda



CoViD-19 Cases 85 Recovered 52 Deaths

Prayer Requests

- This cycle of Ebola will be stopped
- Bible translation works in Runyankore, Lhukonzo
- Discipleship ministry
- Preaching point in Kikonzo
- Mountain ministry
- Resident Permit approval
- CoViD-19 lockdown to be eased

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Good Things From CoViD-19? Is That Possible?

- 1. I am not allowed to drive a vehicle as it might spread the virus I have to ride a bike or walk to town or to the church. The church is almost two miles away, so it takes much more time to get there than it used to. This has helped me to lose weight and stay healthy. It has also given me more time to spend with my wife, children, and church members as we walk to wherever we are going. It is amazing how much more of God's creation you see and notice when you walk and not drive.
- 2. We are not allowed to have any kind of public gathering with more than five people Obviously this means that church attendance is out; however, I have had the chance to visit every church member more than I would have before. I have been to their houses and talked with each of them. I believe God has knit our hearts closer because of this. I have been able to meet more with our people in a one-on-one setting.
- **3.** There has been a curfew imposed from 7 pm to 6:30 am While this has brought some disturbance to our way of normalcy, the good news is that the police have told me that crime has indeed reduced.
- 4. All "non-essential" businesses are closed Construction work has been allowed to continue, but we have recently had to stop because we have run out of building material and all hardware shops are closed. This has helped me to see where I am in regards to the finances in this construction project. God has been so good to bring us to this point. We have the money for the roof, the windows, doors, and balcony railings. We praise the Lord for those churches who have given to this construction work in spite of the ongoing crisis! What we need for the rest, we wait on God to provide.
- 5. Many people have lost their jobs or are not able to work because of all the shutdowns - This has led to some people not having food to feed their families. We bought some food for people who were really desperate, but we realized the little we could provide would be inadequate to help many people. God answered our prayer and two churches and one individual sent money to help provide food for these people. Because of this, we have been able to help some very needy people in five churches, one church plant, a preaching point, and neighbors. The response has been amazing. One lady in our church said that she had nothing for supper for her family and then the food was brought. What an answer to prayer that was! Others have responded by saying they have never known of a church that helps people because churches here are always demanding money from people. Several people said that as soon as the lockdown is over they will be coming to our church. Praise the Lord that even in times of suffering, God's love can be displayed and seen.
- 6. As of the writing of this letter the internet says that 239,345 people around the world have died from the CoViD-19 virus. Everyone is talking about this virus and everyone is thinking about what would happen to them if they get this virus and even die because of it. This has given us the opportunity to witness to people in a way that we did not have before this pandemic. People are truly scared and are thinking about their future. We have already had several who have gotten saved because of this virus. God uses all things for His glory!

GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL!!



Building progress



People receiving food



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