

Orphan Outlook

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Lockdown

Uganda has currently registered a little over 100 deaths from Covid-19. The president has lifted most of the lockdown restrictions, one of the most exciting of which is the ability to resume holding church services! Schools remain closed for all except the highest grades, so most of our orphans are still in their villages with their extended family members. The president is planning to make an announcement in January regarding the reopening of schools for all students. Please keep praying for all of our children—those at SOAP and those in the villages.

Discipleship Classes

By Alan Sutphen

The SOAP children had all been back in their villages since March 21 because of a governmental mandatory school shutdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With all this time on their hands, we thought it would be a blessing to bring the older children back to begin and complete SOAP's eighteen-lesson discipleship course. These lessons are given during the school year, but it is difficult to complete them due to the children's school schedule.

We brought back our nine oldest girls, ages 12-18, and utilized one national and four missionary teachers. The program was similar to their school schedule and

included daily chores, church services, evening devotions, and kickball on Saturdays. The children participated and were very enthusiastic, maybe because of being in the village for so long. Hopefully some of their enthusiasm was because they enjoyed diving deeper into God's Word and learning the in-depth studies on eternal security, baptism, tithing, separation, and evangelizing the world, just to name a few.

Upon successful completion, they all earned certificates to verify their accomplishment. We pray that these Bible truths stay embedded in their hearts to be used while in their villages and throughout their lives to enable them to be strong and effective witnesses for Christ!



*Some of the Girls with Discipleship Certificates
L to R: Asio Grace, Joyce, Gorreyt, Demita, Doreen, Hellen*

School Reopens for Highest Grades

By Alan Sutphen

In Uganda, schools closed on March 20th due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For six long months the children have been out of school. When we took food out to the villages to assist their extended families with their care, the children verbalized how much they have missed being in school, learning, and being with their classmates. We had taken school materials out to them with the food deliveries to keep them sharp in the various core subjects.

Then in late September, the President of Uganda announced the reopening of schools on October 15th for certain grades (Primary 7, Secondary 4, and Secondary 6) who will be taking national exams in March to determine their eligibility to continue their education at the next level.

At SOAP, we have four Primary 7 (P7) students, and we have one Secondary 4 (S4) student who is in a local boarding school. We brought them



Current P7 Classroom

back to SOAP to begin classes on October 15. Before we could reopen, we had to pass a Covid precautions inspection by the local government with many new health requirements. We passed the inspection with a grade of 100%!

We brought back five P7 teachers to teach the core subjects of math, science, social studies, religious education, and English. Christmas break will be only two weeks this year instead of the usual two months. Then classes resume until the Primary Leaving Exam (PLE) is taken in March. Since the Ugandan school year matches the calendar year, this means that one year of classes will be condensed into just four months.

Please pray for our P7 students: Bazibu, Martha, Sarah, and Mary, as they attempt to assimilate all of this information and be prepared in time to take the PLE in March. And also pray for our lone S4 student, Arumo Jennifer, as she continues her classes and studies for the S4 exam in March.



P7 Students—L to R: Mary, Bazibu, Martha, Sarah



SOAP is reaching out to the orphan children of Uganda with the Gospel and was organized for the purpose of providing a “living tool” to evangelize Uganda through church planting. As one of Uganda’s greatest and most overlooked living resources—orphans—are transformed into servants of God, they are becoming effective ministers to their own people reaching the unreached masses in Uganda and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information about the ministry of SOAP or how you can be involved, please use the contact information listed below.