



Kerri Phillips

Reaching the Least of These in Uganda

January-April 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

Another year has begun, and the Lord has answered many prayers that you have been faithfully praying for me. I am thankful for the prayers that you have prayed for my health. My results came back from my recent blood test, and my doctor told me that my health was heading in the right direction. I was able to get a ticket to fly back to Uganda on January 9th. I was able to get on the same flight as Sarah Shadrack, who is a BIMI missionary that just finished deputation and is joining our team in Soroti, Uganda. It was a blessing to be able to travel with someone for half of the journey. The BIMI field conference this year celebrated 30 years being in Uganda, and it was very nice to see all the missionaries and have an encouraging time together. After this relaxing week, it was time to get ready to welcome our teachers back to school for workshops and lesson plans.

We started a new school year at Independent Baptist School, and our theme this year is "Building a Strong Foundation" (1 Corinthians 3:11). Ajaro Martha and Chegem David are two of our new children to join us here at SOAP. Martha has begun in the Primary 2 class and David is in Primary 1 and has a lot to learn. He has not had any previous schooling and does not know any English which puts him behind the other students in his class. Please pray that he and Martha would adjust to their surroundings at SOAP quickly and know God's love for them. This year we have 41 students in our primary school and 3 students in our vocational skills training. The Art Class had a great start to learning by molding animals out of clay formed in termite mounds. This skill will help them one day in making a charcoal cooking stove from the same clay. We have five students in our Primary 7 class who will take the Primary Leaving Exam in November. Please pray for them as they start learning all they need for this important examination. Our three vocational students, Jonathan, Hellen, and Esaku, began a six-week internship this term to gain real world experience in shops in Soroti City. Thank you for your continued prayers as we strive to best with what God has given to us.

It has been wonderful to have Joseph, one of our orphans that graduated Bible College, start his internship at our church in Soroti. Temple Baptist Church is grateful to have Joseph help with leading the songs, soulwinning, children Sunday School, and preaching. Joseph also has had the opportunity to preach at some of the surrounding village churches. It is a joy to see some of the children that have been raised at SOAP grow up to serve the Lord. Please keep Joseph in your prayers as he begins to learn from our pastors and as he serves in Soroti.

Thank you for your faithfulness,

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Opio & his clay animal



Ajaro Martha



Chegem David



Ebiru Joseph helping in the service



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May-June 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

I am so thankful for your faithful love and support. In the beginning of May we had a three-week holiday from school, and we all were able to do things that normally we don't have time to do. One of these things was going to the open market in Soroti. It was so fun buying fresh fruit and fresh vegetables with friends. On Sundays, one of the preaching points of a nearby village started joining us at our church. The sight of the truck carrying them each week is amazing. Before they go back to their village, they all get tracts to invite people to our church. The holiday break went by so quickly, and at the end of May we welcomed our teachers back for some training. They were excited to go through some fire extinguisher and First Aid training. At the end of teachers' training week our children came back from their villages to start the second term of school.

The Primary Seven class was very excited to start their preparations for their Primary Leaving Exams that they will take in November. Every Thursday and Friday they will be taking practice exams so their teachers can identify their weak areas and help them in these areas. Please pray for Mercy, Atim, J.P, Magule, and Emmanuel as they try to stay focused on their studies. Please pray for their teachers, Ms. Stella, Ms. Jessica, Mr. Emmanuel, Ms. Racheal, and Mr. Lawrence as they search for ways to help them prepare for the Mock exam on the 12th and 13th of August.

In the month of June we had two teams come from the U.S. to do a one day V.B.S with our students. The team from Indiana did a wonderful job bringing to life some of the New Testament Bible stories through skits. In the middle of June the other team from Virginia came and taught on what Satan says and what God says. They did a great job bringing out the lies that Satan uses against the truth of what God says. We enjoyed all the science experiments that helped us to see how God designed everything just perfectly.

Please pray for the children to apply the lessons that they have learned. I would also appreciate your prayers as I continue to get more answers dealing with my health.

Thank you,

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Open market



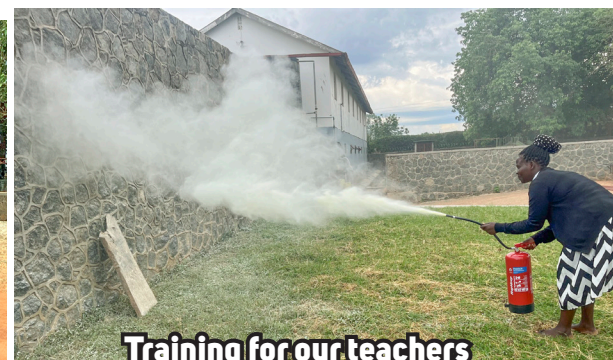
VBS craft time with the Virginia team



Tream from Indiana



The sight of the truck bringing the village church



Training for our teachers



Song time with the church from Virginia

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