



FAMILY CARE UGANDA JANUARY 2022



YAY! SCHOOLS ARE BACK!

Yay! Schools are back all across the country! Uganda suffered one of the longest lockdowns in the world—83 weeks! As you've seen through our newsletters, this took a huge amount of work from our teachers, as all throughout, we have printed self-study packs, followed up by village visits, visits by teachers to the refugee camp and even up to the distant Ik mountains.

The last few days have been really busy, hiring buses to bring our children and older ones to school, buying scores of extra materials like new mattresses, personal supplies from pads and sanitary items to hundreds of books and stationery items. Our older ones have had to come to the school, load up with all their personal supplies after we cleared their fees and they are all now settled in university, special colleges and specialized high schools!



NEW SCHOOL TERMS TO TRY TO CATCH UP ACADEMICS



Our Ministry of Education has designed a new curriculum to try to help our young ones catch up. This academic year will finish in June and the next school year will run from July through till March 2023. It's going to mean a lot of extra study and work for both our teachers and young people, but we are all up to the task and are thrilled to be back at full functioning!

FOOD—BOUGHT AT THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR!

We have learnt over the years, that rather than growing our own beans or maize, that it's far more effective economically, to grow vegetables for the children's dietary change and to buy the bigger items from local farms at the seasonal best times of the



year. We bought some UN-designed silos a few years ago, and they have been perfect to keep the

grain dry and bug-free. Thanks to your kind gifts, we buy 2-4 tons at a time and it's far more economical and safer than other options.



SUPPLIES FOR FULLY-DEPENDENT STUDENTS



The young ones who are South Sudanese from the refugee camp and those from the extremely remote Ik tribe, need all their basic supplies, from a new mattress, sheets, and



all the sanitary items, through to scholastic and living requirements. It's not cheap, and we really thank you for making each one's arrival or return so special! During lockdown in the village, most had no access to soap, certainly not tooth paste and a lot of things we would consider basic. They are learning though to not take them for granted but to be very grateful—especially the girls who are cared for very well with sanitary care items.

SHOTS AROUND SCHOOL



**“As ye have done unto the least of these, My brethren,
so have ye done it unto Me”**

SOME OF OUR GRADUATES MEET TO BEGIN MENTORING

We had a really fun surprise 2 weeks ago. A number of the older ones we've been training in medical, business and other fields, decided to form an association and meet regularly and see how they might be able to mentor the young ones and support Family Care in all our efforts to help the needy! It was completely their own initiative and we're so touched that so many feel that commitment to help keeping this vision of sharing the Lord's love and caring for the needy continue.



Just a few of our older ones, while they are working towards their professions.

FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS BETWEEN TEACHERS AND YOUNG ONES

In the first couple weeks back at school, they all decided to have a big 'welcome back' sports day. The teachers and children had competitions had a lot of fun was had by all! Soccer is a universal sport for Ugandans and they really are skilled. Of course, one of our South Sudanese girls (right) is way taller than her teachers in black already.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayer Requests:

- ✚ Community hall/dining room, finishing and furnishing it.
- ✚ For funds to build our last home for children
- ✚ For abundant supply so we can put furniture in the library and set up solar
- ✚ For protection from any accidents, snakes, robberies or fires.
- ✚ For health and against malaria, covid or other illnesses.
- ✚ For continued wisdom and teamworking of our team on-the-ground in Uganda and constant, daily WhatsApp so we can be most effective in caring for these amazing young people who have so much potential but not a hope without intervention.

We are incredibly grateful for your kind and generous giving! We could not do any of this without you. We pray the Lord blesses you “a hundred-fold” and more!!!



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