

Suubi Teen MOPS Kampala – Update July 2021

Dear Friends, many of you follow me on [Facebook](#). I post about Suubi nearly every day. Others read our [blog](#). We try to post once a week about the prayer needs of Suubi. But for those of you that do not follow us on social media, we want to update you on what is going on in Uganda.

On June 7, the Nation went into another hard 6-week lockdown due to the spread of the Delta Covid virus. This lockdown made it impossible for our women to continue to work. There is a strict curfew, and there is no public or even private transportation. Schools are closed. And citizens are not allowed to travel from one district to another. Our children were able to continue to receive tutoring through the entire month of June. And now they are attending 4 weeks of vacation Bible school. They meet in tiny groups with 4 students and a teacher. They are using the videos and curriculum of Watoto church. They need to exercise wisdom and care. Technically school is not allowed. Church is not allowed. But groups of 20 are allowed to meet. So, for now they meet in groups with two teachers and 4 students. They meet in private homes in a variety of locations. And they can not run around. And they can not draw attention to themselves for fear of being arrested. We ask you to please pray for the leaders. There is so much they wish they could do. But they must exercise wisdom not to disobey the rules. The government has promised to arrest anyone who breaks the Covid lockdown rules. We try to do all we can do legally. It is not quite easy.



13 of our people have already gotten Covid. They have all recovered. Sylvia and two other leaders have had one Astra Zeneca vaccination. They are due for the 2nd shot but the supply is not there yet. I also found out that you can not get a Covid vaccination without a National Id. Many of our people do not have National ID. You need a real birth certificate to receive an ID. Many of them were born outside the



hospital. They often do not know the date or even year of their birth. And it is a complex and expensive process to create the papers needed to get an ID. Please pray that more vaccinations become available to the people of Uganda. Over 100 doctors and health care workers have died from Covid in the past two weeks. The hospitals have only 1400 beds for nearly 48 million people. The sick are laying on the floors of the hospitals. They do not have test kits or medication or oxygen. Many are dying. It is a very dark and overwhelming time for the people of Uganda.

The women and children at Suubi are receiving food every day. Sylvia says it is extremely hard because so many of the people around them have no food. We can not feed the entire population of the Kampala slums. But we need to pray that they receive some help.

In the district where we keep our goats, they are having an outbreak of foot and mouth disease. Our animals have all received vaccinations. But no farmer is allowed to sell animals or milk. Dairy farmers are hit extremely hard. Their milk is being poured out on the ground. We pray for the people to survive this terrible season. We began with 12 goats in November 2019. We now have 40 goats. Most of them are female. Many of them are pregnant. So, I am happy to say our goat farm is doing well.



During this lockdown we have half the women making baskets and the others sewing facemasks and making soap. We offer to pay for their rent in exchange for their labor. Eventually the baskets can be sold. The facemasks and soap will be donated to 500 teenage mothers and older widows.

We do not know when school will begin again in Uganda. If the schools do not open, we will continue to have our kids tutored by unemployed teachers. It was reported that only 1.5% of Ugandan kids received an education since Covid lockdowns began in March 2020. Our children are some of the most privileged children in the country. But this privilege carries with it the risk of jealousy. One of our kids, Jr was living with his mom in a refugee camp. He had a private tutor. And every day he would try to teach the other kids in the camp all he had learned from his teacher. But another refugee got jealous of Jr. She tried to poison him and fed him Arsenic in some food. He nearly died. He has been the entire month in a hospital. Today he is still receiving dialysis 3 times a week. We are praying he fully recovers from this event. Now he has memory loss. And he speaks like someone who had a stroke. But he is showing improvement. We have great hope.

We had started to raise funds to bring Sylvia to a MOPS conference in America. Unfortunately, the US Embassy is closed due to the lockdown. It is impossible to receive a visa. We are using the funds for food. We will try to have her attend next year instead.

The situation in Uganda is ridiculously hard, but our people are all doing ok thanks to the support of all of you. The kids are learning. The moms are being productive. They are all eating. Their medical needs are being met. They continue to help others. And we are making sure their rent is also paid. Please pray for the vacation Bible school. Pray for our people to remain healthy. If they get Covid please pray they recover. Pray for Jr to recover from this attack. Sylvias mom had surgery and Typhoid fever. Please pray she continues to recover. Finally pray for the leaders. They are exhausted walking everywhere because there is no transportation. They need physical and emotional strength. They need protection. They need wisdom.



