

## PANDEMIC HITS UGANDA HARD

- Lockdown since February 18th results in many on the edge of starvation.
  - Government promises food for the needy but many have not received anything as yet.
  - People are frightened; suicide rates climb.
  - GSSM's Ebenezer Team reports that most of the outdoor ministry activities have essentially been forced to shut down. Activity using the internet and cell phones is reaching some but a large number of people in the slums do not have access.
- ✓ **Team members are reaching out in spite of strict consequences if you break any of the lockdown rules. Some citizens have been beaten and jailed for leaving their homes in search of food and the need to work in order to survive. Still many of those with whom GSSM works are quietly meeting together in their homes.**
  - ✓ **Jimmy is heartbroken as he has not been allowed to continue his feeding programs in the four slums where he is working. Cautiously he was able to offer food for some of the neediest families with whom he works and also provided cash to his under 18 team so they could buy some food which has become very expensive.**
  - ✓ **Patrick shares his experiences with the lockdown: "People knock on my door for food... and we do our best to share what little we have." Patrick has also taken in 4 people who had nowhere to go and no food. He goes on to say, "I thank God He has surprised me that my family and those living with us get at least one meal per day and porridge or tea at night."**
- ✓ **David was able to provide food for six families which would sustain them for one month. He has also held Sunday services for his family and some neighbors at his home. Due to the crisis, David is using money meant for renovating farm projects to help needy families. By doing so, he risked government punishment for helping others obtain food. David asks for prayer as he deals with the pandemic and continues to build a church and develop a sports ministry site.**



We are so grateful for the Ebenezer Team, our director Barnabas Mwesiga and our partners in other countries who are courageously sharing the Good News giving hope to hundreds who are frightened, discouraged, and desperately in need of the kind of hope that can only be found in our Lord.

# PRAY WITH US

Please pray for our incredible leaders in Africa and elsewhere as they do their very best to help and reach as many as they can with the message of God's love. And as you pray, please remember GSSM's "Home Mission Project" that will allow us to get God's word into hundreds of homes and offer people in our country the opportunity to become part of God's family that will bring new meaning and purpose to their lives.



Thank you for praying. Thank you for caring. And please let us know how we can be of help to you and your families as we navigate through the uncertainty of these days yet confident in the One who is at the wheel and steering us safely through a turbulent sea that is swallowing thousands who refuse safe passage aboard the Ark of God.

Be sure to read GSSM's upcoming update concerning the Home Mission Project. I hope you will want to get involved. It's simple, you don't have to leave your home. It is free, you don't even have to write or utter a word, and it doesn't require much time. Sharing the Good News couldn't be easier... and it might be just the thing that could mean the difference for some between spending eternity with the Lord or walking down that "wide road that leads to destruction" that Jesus talked about (Matthew 7:13-14, NIV). Many are blindly walking this path as Satan and his thugs gleefully lead the parade. So keep an eye open for this important information. I am sure you will be blessed if you are able and willing to join us.



Isaac and a few GSSM alumni!

## BLESSINGS!

Russ Carr,  
President

Alyssa Carr Mahone,  
Executive Director

P.S. If you would like to help GSSM's staff, partners, students, and others in need as they attempt to stand firm in this storm offering hope and the one life-preserver that leads to eternal life and a home in God's Kingdom that is so incredible that one cannot adequately describe it, **you can designate your gift to GSSM's Coronavirus Emergency Fund.** Be assured that 100% of your gift will be used to assist those in dire straits needing food and other critical needs. Thank you . Stay safe and may the Lord richly bless and watch over you and your family.