

GLOBAL SCHOOL OF SPORTS MINISTRY

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In 2019 when we visited Uganda, we were able to spend some time with David, a GSSM alumni and member of the Ebenezer Team! We saw his soccer ministry, livestock, and farm. As he walked us around his community, he shared his dreams and plans with us. His next goal was to start a church in his village and eventually open a school with housing for teachers.

The last few months have been so exciting as David has been able to secure land, some supplies, and has broken ground for a building for his congregation to meet! For quite some time, David has been investing in his village, and his church congregation has been growing steadily. They've been meeting in the shade of a big tree, but soon they will be able to meet in a place that, as a community, they have prayed for and built together.

David has been so diligent in preparing for this project and worked very hard to be able to provide a place for his congregation to worship together. Meanwhile, he has still been working hard to tend his livestock and run the soccer ministry. This News Brief share some of the updates and photos he has sent us over the last few weeks!

“These are members of *New Anointing Church* together with the Sunday school children.

I have bought 35 chairs for my ministry Church (New Anointing Church). I have started a Sunday feeding program for the Sunday school. I serve them porridge every Sunday. Every Tuesday I conduct home fellowship and I visit the sick where I pray for them. ”



“New Anointing Church members gather under tree shades for Sunday services. At times when it rains during Sunday church service members are sheltered in the two roomed apartment, which is not even big enough to accommodate them. [I] am planning to construct [our church building to be] 30 feet by 70 feet. Pray for God's provision.

I have purchased building material for Church construction. In the morning hours I engage in digging and caring for the animals. In the afternoon hours I do soccer training, discipleship and evangelism. [In February], four adults accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.



These are bricks which I made together with [the help of] Church members. These ones will be used to construct the church.

[I] am constructing the piggery shelter. I also prepared the under fourteen team to participate in the [February Disciple's Cup] tournament.



These are hard core stones which will be used to lay the Church foundation on March 20th.

This is the sand I purchased so far which will facilitate church construction.



This soil will be mixed with water when it rains to enable production of new bricks for primary school construction.



On the other side you can see assembled bricks covered up with polythene [that are] undergoing [the] drying up process. [Regarding the] Church construction, pray for God's provision because cement, iron bars, bearing wire, ring beam, iron sheets, nails, timber and lake sand are not yet purchased plus [the] funds [for the] labor construction [are] not yet raised.



This cow will give birth to a calf in [early April] and its milk will be added to the porridge served to Sunday school children every Sunday. [The money from the] milk sold from Monday to Friday will be used to purchase maize flour, sugar and firewood to run the feeding program.

My son Reagan preparing porridge to served to Sunday school children immediately after service [in early March].



These are the costs of [the] supplies that will enable us to accomplish the first stage in building known as whole plate level and roofing. God bless you all for praying for the construction of the Lord's house. ”

Cement & Sand	4.9 million Uganda Shillings/\$1,360.79 USD
Iron Sheets, Beams, & Wire	8.07 million Uganda Shillings/\$2,241.14 USD
Nails & Timber	2.62 million Uganda Shillings/\$727.61 USD
Total	15.59 million Uganda Shillings/\$4,329.54 USD

When I asked David how the building and fundraising process was going, this is what he shared with us:

“The Church members helped in brick making. I sold the pigs and the money I got [from those sales], I used it to construct the pigs shelter and also purchased hard core stones for the church construction. Then I also used my salary funds from GSSM to purchase other building material like sand and the small stones. My ministry is located in [a] rural area and the income activity which church members engage in is agriculture. I am looking at two sources of funds for generating money for church construction which are my salary and animal rearing project. Where physical labor is needed, [the] church members will always be available. **The biggest fund I have is faith - Hebrews 11:6**”

At the beginning of April, the Ebenezer Team hosted the annual Easter Outreach! We will share more details from their full report soon, but in the meantime, the team said that the event went well and had some surprises along the way! The Easter outreach is very similar to the Christmas outreach and the team does their best to provide for families and children in need through Kids' Kits and Family Food Packs. They also conclude the outreach by hosting an Easter Dinner for the community. *This year, the budget for the outreach was \$7,000.*



We are very grateful for all of you and your consistent support. We feel so encouraged when many of you ask for specific ways to give, and it is always a privilege to see our staff and students blessed by the generosity of so many. We ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in these two very special projects. If the Lord so leads, here are two new ministries to support.

Two ways to give!

David's Church Project
Need: \$4,329.54

2021 Easter Outreach
Need: \$7,000

Blessings!

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