

NEWS BRIEF August 2021

This month, we wanted to bring you some updates from Uganda and Kenya. As we all have experienced, there have been constant changes in regulations due to Covid-19 all around the world. Though there have been moments that ministry has had to stop for many of our alumni, but still we have seen them find so many creative ways to keep connecting with and serving their communities. Below are updates from the Ebenezer team members (Uganda) and Franklin (Kenya).

Thank you all for your prayers for all of the GSSM alumni around the world as they face continue to face victories and trials. Please continue to pray for the GSSM alumni and students! If you would like to support the ministries of anyone mentioned in this News Brief, please see the second response card included!

Blessings,

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GSSM Associate Director

David
Ebenezer Team | Uganda

August 5

"[I] am very grateful for the church funds which were sent [to] me. I received all the funds and [I] am handling the second stage [of building] which is roofing. All the needed materials were purchased and roofing work started today. God bless whoever contributed towards constructing the Lord's house."



August 7

"Construction work is going well ... I will go into the water project where I am planning to dig a borehole to fill up the community with water.

But above all we do appreciate your prayer, we appreciate your encouragement, we appreciate your funds, we appreciate everyone who has stood behind [us] to push New Anointing Church ahead. He (God) is continuing to amaze us by doing something new. Continue praying for us, I love you and I love all the members [of GSSM]. I pray for your families, pray your church, and your [nation]... God bless you."

August 24

"By God's grace [the] roofing stage is accomplished. Please pray for [the provision of] windows and doors.

[The] water tank foundation which will sustain a tank of 10,000 liters. (below)

Water will be used to run church projects and also provide water to residents of [the] community.



Isaac Ebenezer Team | Uganda

August 13

"We have had another great successful week, God [has] enabled us to go through it by His grace as we continued to train ourselves to be spiritually and physically fit for better use for God's purposes in this challenging generation. And we praise God for everything. Amen.

In discipleship sessions this week we looked at "Delighting in God's word." [The] scripture [we used was] from Psalm 1:1-3

[We] discussed more on points like ...

- Who is [the blessed man] and how we can be that blessed man the Writer spoke about.
- ... The ways of the sinners [and] mockers in that we clearly get to know them and don't walk through them.
- [We] shared on how to live while delighting in God's word day and night and how it will lead [to] yield [a] fruit[ful] season ... It was a great and interesting discipleship season. And I praise and glorify God for such [a] moment."



Patrick Ebenezer Team | Uganda

August 11 & 12

"We have an upcoming gala organized and managed by [the] Ebenezer team. Pray for its success this month!

My prayer request is that I may be given a go-ahead at the playfield where I stop[ped] a month ago because of [the] lockdown and also they needed payment to carry [out] the ministry activities.

Pray that God May soften their hearts because it's a church field but they don't see it as a platform for ministry."



Jimmy Ebenezer Team | Uganda

July 28

"Ministry in Kawempe still going on, with the few children [who] turn up for the ministry activities, many of the children are being [held behind] by the parents to come for the ministry activities because of the coronavirus in Uganda, many of them stay at home, but we have few who come for the soccer activities and spiritual program.

Wakiso children[']s ministry [is] still going on also with the few children coming for the program, still having the challenge of the children coming for the ministry activities [as] the parents don't allow them. [T]hey fear the disease [will] attack the kids. But we are still in prayers for the government to open the ministry work again to operate.

Last month of June we have started to build "Jimmy's School" at the first farm [property], and we have bought some of the materials for the school. [W]e have already finished the foundation of the school, I thank the Lord for the daily provisions for the farm school in this community area of Buwasa. I am so happy and excited to see this dream coming into reality, after years and years [of] talking about it. The program of building [is] going on well, but the lockdown has brought some delay in [the] continuation of the building, because of the transport of the workers on the site.

No cars are working and boda boda (motorcycle taxis) all are stopped by the government. People don't go [to] work, but I am still waiting for the opening of the public transport to start the work again."



August 16

"[T]his week we have started the ministry programs again. Looking forward [to] the ministry outreaches in communities to reach to the lost through Sports Ministry. Thanks for praying for us ..."



Franklin | Kenya

June 2021

"Sport[s] Ministry has started very well after the government allowed sports to continue since many youth have been looking for something to do. One of the sports that many [have] loved this season is volleyball. With this sport, I was able to share the Gospel during short breaks. 48 youth accepted Christ and I was able to introduce them to a Church near them ... since [the] majority came from a area called Ziwani.

I started a team that am discipling, [they are] youth [who I] am trying to bring out of drugs and substance abuse. [I] share the Gospel and with the group [I] am also training them on agribusiness so that they can support the families they are coming from. With God's will they will be [starting] rabbit farming for meat since the demand is rising and the cost of keeping them is very little compared to other animals like cows, pig and they produce so quickly. After attending a training on raring rabbits, I manage[d] to learn many ways on how to rare [them] and ... I can use [it] to teach and at the same time share the Gospel.

The mushroom project has been a success since its inception. Many women have come to Christ and we have a weekly Bible study with women as they continue learning about this kind of farming.



[The mushrooms] only need a room that has good air exchange, light and control[led] humidity by putting buckets of water around the room. At my farm majority of [the] mushrooms I share with families. And it was a blessing to see families enjoy mushrooms. One family said they are eating like a rich family.

I have a child in the slum who calls me "coach mushroom and Bible" ... I love that. So far I have 46 families that I have shared the Gospel and they are ready to start their farm. But the challenge has been mushroom seeds."

Franklin's Prayer Requests

- God to continue giving us strength and favor as we go to difficult areas under difficult condition[s]
- God to make a way for a new engine for [my] Toyota that helps in [ministry]. A new one costs 85,000Ksh, (\$775)
- Please pray for the women in the slum since 80%of them are living with HIV and they get a lot of discrimination
- Believing God for more seeds (spawn) so that families can grow more mushrooms for selling and be financially independent.
- Pray for the youth [I] am ministering to come to Christ [that they] never look back in the old ways."