

While the world has closed down it seems life in Kiwanyi continues almost untouched. It is rainy season and these farmers are hard at work planting and preparing for the next harvest. Others are taking their cows and goats out to pasture, and others are selling their mangoes and tomatoes to the community. People are busy going about their days in their usual fashion. When the lockdown of both public or personal transportation was issued, the urban dwellers were most affected since most live on daily wage. This community only has three "15 passenger van" taxis normally bus people out of Kiwanyi in the morning and then return overly packed in the evening. The rest of the community walks or bicycles to where they need to go. It's amazing to us how the outside world seems to be very distant from this community which is a 30min drive off the paved road.



2020 is the Year of Growth for Something Deeper Ministries
While the world has closed down it seems the work at SDM has increased!
Just before the lockdown we added a few more staff members with the goal of

opening our clinic, HHC (the Hope & Healing Center) more often. May 3rd we were able to do just that. We have our staff on rotation so that all 11 staff members can easily cover the 7 working days now. We have at least a doctor, two nurses, and lab tech at the clinic during working hours. We are so excited to be able to extend to weekends. We noticed that when a person would come down with malaria or another complication on Friday night to wait for services until Monday morning was a death sentence. Sickness doesn't take a weekend break and we are happy to be able to serve the community every day.



In addition to adding days we have also added focused clinic days to attract patients. One of our medical staff's biggest complaints is the lack of health seeking habits of the community; most patients wait until it's almost too late. We are fire fighting when we could have comfortably treated two days ago. We are trying to teach the community to come in before complications arise by offering clinics that focus on specific things.

- Our Well Baby Clinic happens weekly and mothers are bringing in their babies for growth checks, doctor visits, and vitamins and vaccines are available. We also are checking on mom to make sure baby is nursing well and mom is as healthy as she can be.
- We have started a support group for parents and children with special needs monthly. We discuss healthy living and answer questions and address issues that arise from raising a child with disabilities in the family. Each child is also given a doctor visit to make sure they are as healthy. Many of our children registered have Cerebral Palsy which is common in Uganda due to lack of medical care during birth and prolonged labor leading to lack of oxygen to the baby during birth.
- Malnutrition and low nutrition are common in our village due to poverty. We have opened a monthly clinic to serve these vulnerable children. We are providing education, support and medical care to help change the story for these families affected by malnutrition.



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CONSTRUCTION of the new building was well planned out to start April 1st but the lockdown put a pause to all those plans. We were ready to begin as soon as the government allowed us to begin. We started May 29th!!!! As you can see from the photo the walls are already up! This new building will allow us to increase our services to 24hrs. We will then be able to care for critically ill patients, major surgeries and do births at our hospital. Currently we are still fundraising for the construction.



Mubezi Family is doing well. We are encouraged by the work of the ministry and the team of Ugandans God has sent to serve alongside us. Isaac is at the clinic during working hours managing the admin, surgery, and ministry demonstration garden. On his off hours he enjoys planting trees, gardening and fish farming with the three children in tow. Rachel is busy during the day cooking and keeping house while beginning to homeschool the children while managing some of the administration for the ministry. She is tired by the end of the day but feels very accomplished. The Ezra and Aaron are now 5 and love books, exploring outside and harassing the safari biting ants. They are full of energy for sure. Lois is 2 and finding her voice and vocabulary is growing. She is spunky and plays well with the boys. They do love each other.

Current Needs

Fundraising is an ongoing event in ministry and missionary life. Please consider joining us financially in the categories below.

Hospital Fund:

- Construction of next Hospital Building to extended to 24hr care
- Staff Salary (\$3,000 monthly pays all our staff)
- Medicines (\$600 monthly pays for our medical purchases)
- Malaria Test and Treatment (\$5 per patient)

Mubezi Family Fund:

- Kitchen Cabinets for the main house and full kitchen for the guest house (\$8,000)
- Monthly food/supplies (\$400)

You can also encourage us by sending us mail! The children love receiving coloring pages tucked into an envelope or a page of stickers. Be sure to include your return address so we can send you a letter too!

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