



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

WHEN GOD SAYS WAIT



*Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord!
- Psalm 27:14*



Uganda entered a 42-day lockdown in the middle of June, and since the 42 days ended this past week, we all waited eagerly to hear what the President of Uganda would decide to do next. Unfortunately, our hopes were dashed when we heard that the lockdown would continue. Some restrictions will be lifted in certain areas, such as transportation, but the country will continue its lockdown mandate as far as churches and schools are concerned.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to wait for God to unfold what this means in the near future.

This news was difficult for the administration of God Cares School to process. Worship and the Dongo family took the weekend to pray for wisdom. After spending that time with the Lord, they believe they have the vision to continue our mission to offer love, hope, and a future through education and discipleship... one child at a time. It's just going to look a little different.

We believe God gave us a new idea, "God Cares Connect Groups" (GCCG), inspired by the last season of working with our preschool students in small groups at various locations who had been out of a school for a long time. We will go forward with the same vision to establish individual Connect Groups for our sponsored students at the Primary and High School levels. Each student will be in a Connect Group in their village, and one teacher will be assigned to each Connect Group that they will visit twice a week on a rotating schedule. The teacher will help them go through a school-wide booklet customized for each grade level. Teachers will help them correct their work, instruct them, care for them, disciple them, and love them just like they did at school.



There were no government workbook booklets available at the high school level due to the intensive subject areas; however, GCS high school teachers created their own and will distribute these and work through them with their individual students in their Connect Groups. *(Continued on page 2).*

GIRLS TEA TIME TAKE 2

Worship and a team of spiritual leaders will offer a special virtual time of worship and encouragement in the production of hope to young women in the Buyamba ministry, and KPC (Kabalagala Pentecostal Church) called WAITING ON THE LORD. This is the second production that Thanks Dongo, Ezra Dongo, and Worship Byakika have put on to minister to the hearts of young adults. The topic will tackle the hard questions of the season the young adults are facing with the lockdown.

What do you do when you are in a holding pattern of waiting on the Lord?

What do you do when you face uncertainty?

The topics will encourage and engage these young women to press into the Lord and His Word with the knowledge that when this season is over, they will emerge differently and be empowered to do God's work, having spent time engaging with Him.

The production is recorded and can be viewed on YouTube by searching for "U-Connect Fellowship".



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Our plan to launch God Cares Connect Groups also keeps our teaching staff and regular staff employed and paid during this time when so many have lost jobs due to the lockdown. Some staff are still working on the maintenance of the school, and others are working on the Buyamba Food Outreach, which will continue during this time. We have learned that the outreach is essential to the survival of our student families. We desire to keep all God Cares administrators, teachers, and staff to preserve the school's continuity and support them through this challenging time.



What about the University Students?

Most university students were able to finish their last semester through virtual learning, some have even graduated, and others have been on term break waiting for a new semester to start this month. With the recent announcement that the lockdown will continue, the different universities and trade schools are looking at all their programs to figure out how they can continue equipping students to study virtually. If you are sponsoring a university student, we will keep you up to date with any new information we receive.