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SYI Update on the Situation in Uganda as of June 26, 2021

Here's a HUGE shout out to those of you who have sent funds to Say Yes so we can help so many in Uganda who have need of medical treatment, medicine, food, drinks and even transport! There is absolutely no way we could even remotely come close to expressing the love and joy in our hearts over the response to these needs! Paul Mukisa Evans says it best – with just a bit of editing on our part, here's what he said about the abundance of donations we've received:

“God is so precious! This is one of the great miracles we have in our Say Yes records, and indeed it has happened to be so much valuable, very important towards our lives. These days all the news around is about deaths; the last time when I went to the farm I passed by 5 funerals along the way. (We have heard from Sam Jackson that five people a day die in his village just outside Mukono!) But God has preserved us through the treatment and the care we have had from SYI. I feel tears falling from my eyes, how the Lord has been good to us. I wonder what we shall pay back to Him!!”

The Development Team introduced us to a Nigerian song by Tim Godfrey called “[What Shall I Render to Jehovah](https://youtu.be/bhZKHBIPYPA)” – you should listen to it on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/bhZKHBIPYPA>). It speaks beautifully to how these guys are so very thankful to God and the SYI Friends for reaching out to them in their time of need.

Everyone we have helped with medical treatment, medications, food/beverage and health supplements have all recovered from their health challenges. That includes Annet and family in Ibanda. Widows have been strengthened with food and beverages, as well as two receiving treatment for ulcers.

The lockdown is definitely causing many, many problems for people everywhere! Prices continue to go up and the ability to get food is a challenge since travel is so restricted. People have always bought food on a daily basis since most don't have proper ways to store food (no refrigeration and pests...think rats...). And since they can't just hop on a bodaboda now to get food they have to pay the bodaboda guy more to fetch it for them. But that just isn't an option for most; so they walk....sometimes a long way. Which brings up the next thing we want to share with you – transportation.

The government is not allowing private vehicles to move about. Cargo trucks can only have the driver in them; bodabodas are not allowed to carry passengers; taxis are parked. The government wants everyone to stay home. However, the people are allowed to walk and/or ride a bike (no passenger, of course). Just the other day we sent money for Denis Colins to purchase a new bike – his delight is beyond measure. He has so much to tend to with the fish ponds, the maggot production (food for fish), food for his family, etc. The bike is a god-send to him! It has gears so he can easily manage the many inclines in the area. We would like to get a bike for Sam Jackson who walks many kilometers



to work in the brickyard or to the trading center. And for Paul Mukisa Evans who lives quite far from the trading center. The bikes will save them time, wear and tear on their feet, and will allow them to fetch things for others, as needed. We would like to get bikes like the one Denis has – a new one with gears and sturdy tires. (It's always dicey to buy such items used as they start falling apart in short order!) The cost for each bike is about \$375. If this is something you would like to help Say Yes provide please let us know – it will be such a help during this time of lockdown and beyond!

The families are being faithful to continue in prayer and have regular bible teaching in the home. In fact, Virgil just shared some teaching with Sam that he will use when he talks to the guys in the brickyard about Jesus. So many more lives are being impacted by the love of Christ than we can even know! God is not about to let a government or a virus keep Him from loving on His people!

Thank you for choosing to stand with Say Yes and supporting the work we are doing in Uganda. It's a journey for sure, a good journey....

Enjoying His abundant love,

Virgil & Joy

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