



STEP OUT IN FAITH NZ

Step Out in Faith Newsletter March 2022

Dear friends, family and partners of SOIF ministries NZ. It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we write to you this season. The Lord has opened many doors for us in these past months bringing great encouragement and blessing in the work. Let us share with you the updates of the Primary schools, Bible Schools, and Widows project.

Primary Schools Last year saw the completion of 10 separate classrooms in every school. This allowed for 3 nursery classes in each, and 7 classes for primary grades 1-7. As a result, the number of enrolments for each school has increased. Also, many primary schools in the area have been closed due to new government regulations. Our 3 schools have received many new students from the schools that have closed. This term Chris has been busy at Kassana and Lake George schools building new desks and blackboards for the recently completed classrooms.

Bible schools Graduation ceremonies took place at all our Bible schools in Kenya and Uganda. We have opened 2 new Bible schools in Kenya. One at Awenda, and one at Bondo. In Uganda, Chris has opened 3 new schools. They are in Isingiro, Sofia and Kyankwanzi. Scovia has opened 2 Bible schools in Uganda, one at Kasari and one at Rwamwanda refugee camp. These refugees have fled from the Congo. Scovia has requested that we pray for the refugees in her Bible school. They are traumatised from their experiences with the rebels, and need the Holy Spirit to bring healing, restoration, and to soften their hearts to the gospel. All of our Bible school teachers are involved in training and mentoring another Bible school teacher, so that the work can expand and more Bible schools can be opened.

Widows Project In December last year we were able to purchase 3 and a half acres of land in Kitagwenda, West Uganda, as a result of the generous gifts. This land was designated to support the widows and poorest in the community, and to help them care for their families. Initially 20 widows and the very poor enrolled along with 10 elderly who are struggling to survive. The widows began to meet weekly for Bible study, a meal, and to work on the land. The first message was about God's love and care for them as their lives had become a cycle of hopelessness and despair. It is our vision to help these widows and poor both spiritually and practically.

By March, a large area had been cleared and made ready for planting. SOIF have been working with another organisation called "Thrive for Good" to train them in organic gardening. Mr Ambrose ran a 5 day workshop on planting, composting, feeding and nutrition, plus herbs and fruits for health and medicinal purposes. They established plots for vegetables and herbs. We are hoping to install a water system for the vegetable plots, as water is carried from a creek with watering cans twice a day, until the rainy season. This would make life a lot easier for them. Finally, we want to thank you for partnering with us in spreading the gospel throughout Uganda and Kenya. Thank you for being a part of this exciting journey in transforming lives and drawing many to our Saviour



Kassana School



Kenya Bible School Graduation Celebration.



Planting in garden plots