

Dear friends and supporters,

It's been a while since our last newsletter. During the Christmas time we were able to bless the leprosy village and the Mission Centre with Christmas food parcels. We were also planning the Christmas party for the Nazareth School Children, but John got very sick. First, he had Malaria and then caught Covid. Eventually everyone in the mission centre got sick with malaria and even John's wife had a miscarriage. A well-known saying, "When it rains, it pours" was very appropriate in this situation.

Thanks to prayers and medicine John and other Mission Centre residents were able to recover. Even though John had such severe period of sickness, he got enough strength to organise the food delivery to the leprosy village. God also opened Petri an opportunity to preach the word in Kamuge church via Whatsapp. By God's grace internet connection lasted the whole duration of the church meeting. Boxing day message was very clear, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 People living in poverty often have even greater temptation to get rich than people in the wealthy communities. Message of Jesus belongs to both, the poor and the rich and sets us free from the bondage of this world. We don't need to seek the success and prosperity in this world, but God who created us into his image. In his eyes all of us are equally precious and everyone can come without money or cost and drink the living water for free. As we reflect on the birth of Jesus, we are amazed at the conditions to which He chose to come into this world. They were very simple and humble. He was born almost hidden from this world and the first who saw the Messiah were the poor and humble shepherds. The words of Jesus are still true, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children." Matthew 11:25.



Residents at the Leprosy village sing and wave to say thank you for the food parcels and soap.



The Christmas donation to lepers, which was very needed.

We have continued the work among the lepers as much as we've been able. The Christmas food parcels that John was able to deliver, were much needed. Last time John visited the leprosy village, one of the patients was very sick. John was able to help to get him the appropriate care. The carers in leprosy village also shared about the need for new sheets as the old ones are falling apart. Clean and appropriate sleeping conditions are vital to support the patients' healing process. All the prices have increased

substantially, so we continue to pray for God to supply the needs in the leprosy village.

As we already mentioned, the KMI- team in Uganda were very sick between December and January. Rose is still recovering from the snake bite. The recovery has been slow and the leg has got infected couple of times. As Rose has been unable to continue in the farming team, her husband Richard, who is also the pastor in the Kamuge church, has been looking after the tomato plantations. Farming work continues despite all the challenges. In Uganda during the rainy season it rains a lot and then during the dry season the ground dries quickly. Even though the soil is very good, the right moisture level is hard to achieve. The Farming in God's way method is trying to also tackle this problem. Our goal is to encourage our KMI- team members to follow this method that has brought many success stories. To adapt new ways of doing things, doesn't happen overnight. Our prayer is that God continues to inspire the farming team and give them the wisdom and strength they need to apply the Farming God's way-method. The piggyery project is going forwards slowly. We have learnt that looking after pigs is not that easy and to our disappointment two of the piglets died soon after being born.



Pastor Richard looking after the tomato plantation.

War in Ukraine and the Corona virus has affected the prices around the world. Also, in Uganda normal household goods have increased in price. High prices have affected the poor countries the most. The everyday life in Kamuge village has become even more difficult. For example, a bar of soap costs twice as much as before. Now more than ever developing and investing in farming is important. Most people in Kamuge have some land that they can cultivate. However, the harvest they are gathering doesn't even feed the family let alone to bring income. This is a sad reality in which most Ugandans live. The Farming in God's Way-method has demonstrated that this problem can be solved. The challenge is to adopt the new

style of farming. Farming in God's Way process includes making a good compost, preparing the land for the cultivations and other things that are different to the traditional way of farming in Uganda.

Ugandan schools opened their doors in the beginning of this year. Nazareth school was unable to commence as some of the classrooms collapsed. We are praying how to support the school. As we have often stated, we cannot help everyone who needs help. That burden is impossible to bear. We want to be lead by God and empower the people of Kamuge to be self-sufficient. Thank you for your prayers for Nazareth school and especially the students and



A Sow with her newly born piglets.



John surrounded by the Children at the Mission Centre

the teachers, that all the things would go in the right direction.

We are still planning our next trip to Uganda. However, at this stage we still have obstacles and hurdles to overcome. At times the route looks very clear and then other times our path seems to be covered with fog. Some of our ideas and plans have come to a grinding halt. We have been frustrated as the global pandemic has prevented us so far from going to Uganda while the the work there is in a critical stage. Sometimes we feel as though our hands are tied. In spite of the obstacles and hindrances, we

want to continue the work that we have received from the Lord, even though to us it often seems like a small drop in the vast ocean. Smiling faces and waving hands in the leprosy village encourage us to send our bread over the waters. Thank you that you have helped us to help our neighbours in Uganda who are very vulnerable and in great need of our love and charity.

With Blessings,

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Prayer Requests :

- People at the Mission centre and the KMI-memebers to have endurance, vision and helath to continue the Farming in God’s Way.
- Leprosy village: Health of the patients and the salvation of their souls.
- Going forward with the Nazareth school operations.
- Wisdom with our future plans: The timing of our next trip and development of the work.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ “ Matthew 25:40

Photos of the work among the lepers



The shop where we purchase the maize flour.



Maize flour sacks and the soap bars ready to be distributed.



Some of the residents who receive their gift.



John with the resident's children.



One of the patients showing his hands that have been affected by the leprosy.



The chairperson of the leprosy village showing the old sheets.