

Dear sisters and brothers,

This year is already nearly halfway through. Here in Australia we have experienced some extreme weather conditions. Last year huge bush fires raged in different areas destroying many properties, and this year many have suffered because of major flooding. Farmers have also been fighting a serious mouse plague that is out of control in the south. In these changing and unpredictable conditions, it is a great blessing to be able to trust in an unchanging God and receive each day from His hand. The Coronavirus keeps spreading and bringing all kinds of destruction around the world. Many people are tired of restrictions, wearing masks, not to mention hospital staff and family members of covid19 victims, who are daily face to face with this deadly virus. As Christians we need to pray for this

situation and ask for God's mercy, that He would intervene in these impossible and extreme situations. Many of you might have lost loved ones or you might have family and friends in countries that are the epicentres of this virus. Maybe you have lost your income and you struggle daily to provide for your family. These are real situations that people are going through around the world. In the western world we are so used to planning the future and now we find it hard to admit that no-one, but God knows what tomorrow brings. Jesus never promised us an easy-going life, but he promised to be with us every day till the end of the age. Let this be your comfort in your troubles. When we are God's children, we don't need to be nervous about the future. We will have good and bad days in front of us but our Heavenly Father has promised to look after us through them all. As believers in Jesus, we should remain in Him and keep trusting in Him. The enemy of our souls tries constantly to shake our trust and confidence in God. The New testament is full of exhortations to stay strong in the faith and not to lose heart. Apostol John reminds us that our faith in Jesus overcomes the world (1John 5:4-5). The book of Hebrews encourages the believers to look to Jesus and *run with perseverance in the race marked out for us* (Hebr.12:1-2). Hebrews Chapter 11 is full of examples of people who persevered in their faith through extreme challenges and suffering. Chapter 12 continues to show the perseverance of Christ as He suffered the cross

and encourages us to follow his example. Jesus' suffering ends in the cry, "It is finished!" Because he overcame, we can overcome. The cross is the symbol of Christianity. It is a symbol of extreme suffering and full of victory and true perseverance of faith. May these scriptures encourage all of us to persevere till the end, no matter the cost.

In Uganda we have been able to continue slowly but surely. Despite us not being able to travel there, things have been advancing by the grace of God. We have been able to



The children at the Christmas party we organised at the Mission Centre.



Distributing food and soap at the lepra village. (John form KMI on the left.)

support the leper patients in the leprosy village. We were able to send them 300kg of food and 14kg of soap. These were well received and as a KMI-team we felt that we should continue to help the leprosy village. We have decided to give a similar donation of food and soap monthly, and currently we are organising mattresses for the patients. John reported that their mattresses are all torn and unable to provide the protection from the moist ground at night. Hence, this has severe effects on their infected skin.

At the Mission Centre we were able to organise a Christmas party for the children. KMI-members invited a group of children to hear the good news about Jesus and



The cultivation of cassava and peanuts.

receive a piece of soap as well as a small snack. This was a practical way to demonstrate the love of Jesus and bring some joy to their often very sad lives. Nazareth School that we have been supporting is still closed due to Covid restrictions. Hopefully in July the children can return to school and continue their academic learning as well as learning the Word of God, which is profitable in all aspects of life. The farming project continues with varied results. At times there has not been enough rain and then it has rained too much. We have encouraged our KMI-team to put their full effort in the farming and follow the farming in God's Way method. Learning and implementing new methods often takes time. However, we believe that step by step, we will



The pigs we purchased for the Mission Centre.

move forward and get our team excelling in this farming method. This way we can encourage the whole community to improve their standard of living and bring relief in their constant struggle to support themselves.

John, our key person in Uganda, has been planning to start a piggery. Some time ago he found four pigs for a good price and we decided to purchase them. Now the pigs need a shelter so that they remain healthy and safe from harm. Elizabeth, who began to sell fish, has taken a responsibility to look after the pigs. The fish business was not able to continue due the corona-virus restrictions which reduced the amount of



Repairing the well at the Mission Centre.

fishing in the area. We are very happy that Elizabeth has taken on this new responsibility in addition to her input with the farming work. In Uganda pigs can bring a good income, so we believe the piggery will help us with our goal to become more self-sufficient.

During the last rainy season, it was raining more than usual and many wells in Uganda were damaged. The well at the Mission Centre also needed repairing and thankfully we were able to fix it and it is functioning again. In the last letter we wrote how Elizabeth needed a bike for the fish business. We bought the bike for the Mission Centre and even though it's not being used for the fish business, it is a very useful tool for the KMI-work. We want to thank you all for your prayers and financial support for KMI. We have been able to continue with these different projects despite the challenges we have experienced. We often downplay our part in the Kingdom of God, however, we want to remind you all how your commitment to this work has blessed us and our friends in Uganda. A little brook might look very insignificant, but when it joins in the big river, it's suddenly part of something very significant. May Jesus bless you all and "equip you with everything good for doing his will (Hebr.13:12)".



The bike we purchased for the Mission Centre.

With Many Blessings,

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Prayer requests:

- People at the Mission Centre and all the members of KMI, that they would have motivation, perseverance and health to continue the farming project and that they would be the light in the whole community.
- The Lord would protect the village of Kamuge from Corona virus and that the people in the village would get through this challenging time.
- Wisdom for the future plans and development concerning this mission, including the piggery project. Let's pray that the pigs would stay in good health and become a blessing to our work.
- Guidance for the current projects, that the help would reach the right people.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12